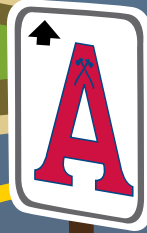
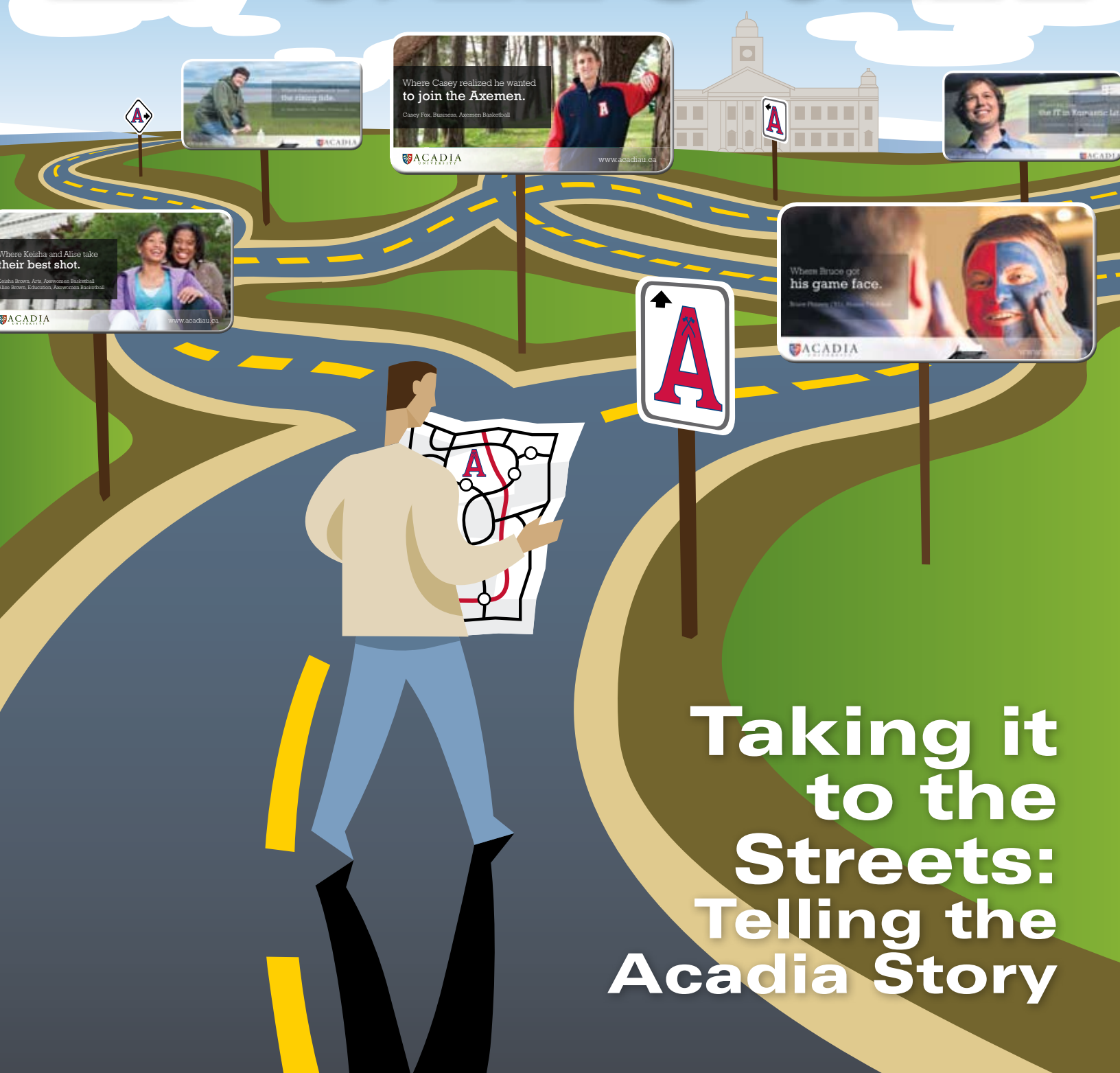




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2011 Homecoming Reunion

October 14-16, 2011

Celebrating the 5th through 35th reunions of the Classes of 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006.

For more information or to get involved in planning a reunion, contact Melanie Jackson, Reunion & Events Coordinator

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In 2010, the Associated Alumni of Acadia University will celebrate its 150th anniversary. To mark this milestone, the AAAU and Acadia are planning events and celebrations throughout the year.

Meanwhile, Acadia's Board of Governors has a new slate of executives. The new Board Chair, Paul Jewer ('94) is the sitting Past President of the AAAU. Appointees Victoria Harwood ('80), Second Vice Chair, and Bert Frizzell ('72), Secretary, will serve as officers on the Executive Committee. Having alumni in these senior roles highlights the important role all alumni play in moving Acadia forward.

Homecoming Weekend was a fabulous occasion this year, capped off with the highly successful return of the Acadia Sports Hall of Fame Induction Dinner. Over 300 attendees came out to honour Holly LeReverend-Smith ('81), Dave Rode ('66), the 1995-96 Axemen hockey team, former football coach John Huard, and former Acadia president Dr. James Perkin. A special thanks to David Ritcey ('83), Tony Munden ('85) and the organizing committee for such a great event.

This summer, the return of all-decade reunions brought back to campus nearly 400 alumni and friends from the Classes the 1960s and the Classes of '39, '44, '49, '54 and '59. One highlight was the reunion banquet, with stories and

class greetings, and a spontaneous rendition of Stand Up and Cheer to welcome President Ray Ivany and his wife, Laurie Graham. As a bonus, eight past (and current) Presidents of the AAAU were there (see photo in the Alumni News section).

Upcoming events include the Eighth Annual Gala Dinner at the Halifax Casino on April 17, 2010, and the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1960 along with the Classes of '40, '45, '50, '55 and '70 next summer from July 9 to 11, 2010.

The AAAU is continuing to support student recruitment at Acadia. As you'll read in this issue, Acadia's recruitment team and President Ray Ivany are "taking it to the streets," meeting with potential students across the country, and their hard work is paying off. Acadia is gaining momentum, but we must continue to share our "Acadia stories" with potential students!

With my term as AAAU President coming to a close, this will likely be my last Bulletin message. I thank Geoff Irvine, Kristen Loyst, Melanie Jackson, Oonagh Holmes, Kim Webb, Angela Harris and Sarah Mocherniak for all of the work they have done on behalf of the AAAU.

Stand Up and Cheer!

Bruce W. Phinney ('81)

President, Associated Alumni of Acadia University ✕



Sharing the Acadia experience

This past September, in my remarks at the Matriculation Ceremony, I told the Class of 2013 that, together, we were sharing a memorable experience: our first academic term at Acadia. I'm not certain how each student was feeling on that first day of Welcome Week, but I was thrilled. Acadia put its best foot forward as our staff, faculty, alumni and students came together to help approximately 1,000 new students and their families move into our residences – their new home.

I have been welcoming first year students to the Acadia family by hosting small groups of my students in my office. During these sessions, I have reminded students that Acadia is a special place where they will be challenged to grow intellectually and more broadly as human beings; but, they will be supported in these pursuits by an incredibly talented faculty and staff. In addition—and because there is no such thing as a free meeting with the President—I have asked them how they found out about Acadia and what led them to choose us over other institutions.

It is not surprising that Acadia's reputation for quality, small classes and

close interaction with faculty are major factors in their decision-making. I have also been struck by the significant role that both social media and personal attention to their inquiries and needs play in our students' lives. These dual imperatives require that Acadia be both 'high tech' and 'high touch' by using current technology to raise our profile and engage this new generation of students, and then providing old-fashioned personal attention so they know they belong here.

Our enrolment results this fall indicate Acadia is rising to this challenge. Our incoming class is almost 13 per cent larger than last year and transfers from other institutions were up almost 25 per cent. In addition, graduate student enrolment was up by 18 per cent, contributing to an overall enrolment growth of 2.5 per cent. In their annual university issue, *Maclean's* magazine ranked Acadia as the country's second best undergraduate university (up from third place last year); Acadia has placed in the top three 18 times in 19 years. We must leverage these encouraging results into continued first-year student growth to meet some very ambitious recruitment and overall enrolment targets.

This edition of *The Bulletin* features a story about our campaign to reach students for whom Acadia would be an ideal fit. Part of this effort involves connecting current students who 'get' Acadia with their peers who are making one of the most important decisions of their lives.

Of course, the people who understand Acadia best are our alumni. We are most grateful that many of you are actively involved in recruitment and promoting Acadia in your community.

Next year, we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the AAAU. The best way you can observe this milestone is by making the Acadia experience a reality for new students. You can refer a student to Acadia, support our scholarship fundraising goals, or offer help in both areas.

My first six months on campus have taught me something that you, as alumni, already know: that Acadia is a very special place and I want you to know that I consider it a great honour to serve your university.

Ray Ivany
President and Vice-Chancellor of
Acadia University ✕



2009 Integrated Dietetics Internship grads (left to right) Bria Inkpen ('09), Mary Jane Tingley ('09), Christina Wood ('09) with Barb Anderson.

Photo: Sandra Symonds

Alumnus to lead Board of Governors



New director for School of Nutrition and Dietetics

Alumna Barb Anderson ('77) is the new director of Acadia's School of Nutrition and Dietetics. She brings many years of experience as a Public Health Nutritionist, Manager of Health Enhancement, and most recently as Acting Director of Public Health Services in the three western health districts of Nova Scotia.

She is a life member of the Canadian Foundation for Dietetic Research, and a fellow and life member of Dietitians of Canada. In 1998, she received the latter organization's Ryley-Jeffs Memorial Award, a top award for Canadian Dietitians.

However, Anderson is probably best known by her voice. For 20 years, she was an expert on nutritional issues with CBC Radio's Maritime Noon program.

Shortly after beginning at Acadia last August, Anderson welcomed graduates from Acadia's Integrated Dietetic Internship program to the profession. The internship is a partnership between faculty of the School of Nutrition and Dietetics and the dietitians of three of Nova Scotia's health districts. Student interns observe and participate in real-life professional situations. After graduating from the internship and completing a national exam, participants are eligible to become licensed dietitians in Canada. ✕

This fall, Paul Jewer ('94), former AAAU President, was named Chair of Acadia's Board of Governors. He is one of the youngest people to lead the Board in Acadia's 171-year history.

The Board is the University's senior governing body and is comprised of 37 members, each of whom gives freely of their time and expertise to ensure the best interests of the University are served and Acadia's reputation for academic excellence is maintained.

Outside of his role with the Board, Jewer is Senior Vice President, Finance and Treasurer for Sobeys's Inc. He has also held senior finance positions in the technology and business sectors.

In May 2008, Jewer was a recipient of Canada's Top 40 Under 40™ award, which annually honours 40 Canadians under the age of 40 for vision, leadership, innovation, achievement and community involvement.

He resides in Halifax with his wife, Nadine ('94), and two children. ✕

Dr. Peter Williams named Dean of Pure and Applied Science

Photo: Deborah Nicholson Photography



Acadia physics professor Dr. Peter Williams will be Acadia's new Dean of Pure and Applied Science, taking over from Dr. Robert Raeside.

Williams has a long track record of success as a researcher and teacher, having received numerous awards for his outstanding work. He was awarded the Canadian Association of Physicists Medal for Excellence in Teaching in 2006 and the Association of Atlantic Universities Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2005. In 2002, he received the Award for Innovative Excellence in

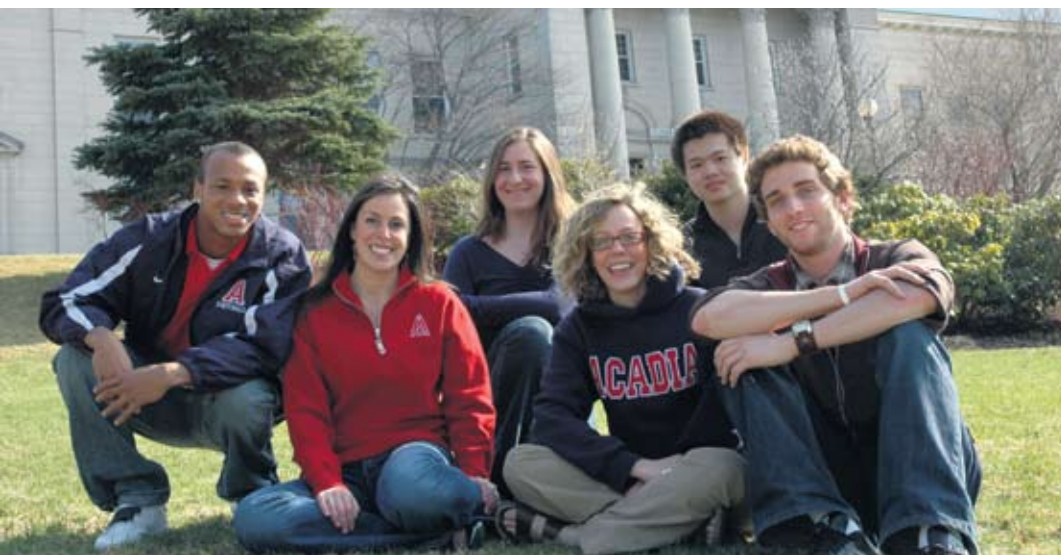
Teaching, Learning and Technology at the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning.

At Acadia, Williams has received the Associated Alumni of Acadia University Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2004, and the President's Award for Innovation in 1997 with his collaborator, Dr. C.S. MacLachy.

Williams has enjoyed a distinguished career at Acadia, and will serve the university in this new capacity beginning in January, 2010. ✕

Acadia earns high praise

Acadia applauded by *Maclean's* University Rankings and *Globe and Mail's* University Report.



The results are in . . . Acadia University has maintained its reputation as one of Canada's best primarily undergraduate universities in the annual *Maclean's* magazine ranking of post-secondary institutions. This year, Acadia placed second behind Mount Allison University, up from third overall last year. In the 19 years that *Maclean's* has published its annual comparisons, Acadia has been in the top three 18 times.

"Acadia has a long history of being one of Canada's top-ranked universities according to *Maclean's* and this is another strong showing for us," said Ray Ivany, President and Vice-Chancellor.

Maclean's university rankings are based on public information available from sources like Statistics Canada, weighted by category for an overall placement against peer institutions.

The *Globe and Mail's* University Report also gave Acadia strong marks in numerous categories; its data is gathered in the largest national survey of undergraduate students. The university scored an overall satisfaction grade of A.

"Formal recognition acknowledges the institutional strength we have in Atlantic Canada and the broad range of high quality options our region presents to students," said Ivany.

Maclean's does provide information from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). Survey results there show Acadia consistently ranking above the national average for key student satisfaction elements such as faculty-student interaction, active and collaborative learning, and supportive campus environment.

"The positive student response to key questions about how Acadia meets their expectations is very gratifying," said Dr. Tom Herman, Vice-President, Academic. "When high school students want to know more about any university, they will often ask their friends for their opinions. Acadia's students speak highly of the interaction they have with faculty and the level of support they receive from the entire university community to help them meet their goals."

Jon Cottreau, Acadia Students' Union President, recently shared his Acadia experience with prospective students during Acadia's Open House, which had its largest attendance in history. He expected a strong showing for the university in these national reviews.

"Acadia's consistent ranking among the top undergraduate institutions in Canada is a true reflection of the academic excellence and quality personal experience Acadia students enjoy," Cottreau said. A student who chooses Acadia will be rewarded with a top-notch personalized education from some of the best faculty in Canada." ✕

National recognition a fact...*Maclean's*

Acadia is the highest ranked university in Nova Scotia in the 2009 *Maclean's* rankings, placing us among the top two in Canada in our class of small, primarily undergraduate universities.

Out of 21 institutions across Canada, Acadia placed:

- Student awards: 2nd
- Student/Faculty Ratio: 4th
- Awards per fulltime faculty: 9th
- Operating Budget: 3rd
- Scholarships and Bursaries: 7th
- Reputational Survey: 5th

Globe and Mail's University Report

Our grades are solid too, according to the *Globe and Mail's* Canadian University Report*:

- Safety: A+
- Computer access: A+
- Attractive campus: A
- Faculty availability, interaction, and knowledge: A
- Overall satisfaction: A

*Largest Canadian survey of undergraduate students.

National Survey of Student Engagement

A student survey comparing hundreds of universities—American and Canadian—in five key areas. Responses are percentages.

- Level of Academic Challenge: first year: 51.4/ senior year: 57.4
- Student-Faculty Interaction: first year: 30.2/ senior year: 42.6
- Supportive Campus Environment: first year: 63.3/ senior year: 60.4

Acadia at the Canada Summer Games

Acadia was well-represented at the 2009 Canada Summer Games last August in Prince Edward Island. Student athletes, faculty members, coaches and alumni participated as competitors and support staff during the two-week celebration of sport and culture.

For Team Nova Scotia, Kinesiology student Pam Giordani and Science student Melanie McKinnon—both members of Acadia's varsity volleyball team—competed in beach volleyball. Recreation Management student Nicole Larade competed in discus and shot put. Nicole is the reigning Atlantic

University Sport women's indoor shot put champion. Varsity volleyball player and Kinesiology student, Alana Murphy, represented Team Prince Edward Island in beach volleyball.

Acadia Kinesiology faculty member and women's cross-country coach, Ueli Albert, coached Nova Scotia's wheelchair athletics team. Chris Stone, Acadia's varsity swim coach, was an assistant coach with the swim team. Former varsity soccer star, Cindy Tye ('94) was an assistant coach with the women's soccer team and Tammy Gaudet ('94) coached track and field.

Team Nova Scotia's Mission Staff included faculty member and Acadia alumna Ann Dodge ('91) and alumni Selena Davidson ('95) and Darrell Dempster ('81).

Alumnus Keith Skiffington's ('82) son, Teddy, competed with Team Nova Scotia, winning a gold medal in men's double-handed 29er sailing.

This September, Dr. Jim MacLeod, Acadia Kinesiology professor and head athletic therapist, was named chief therapist for the 2011 Canada Winter Games. He will oversee the care of 2,700 athletes when the games come to Halifax in February 2011. ❄️



Caption; Mission staff member Ann Dodge ('91) courtside with Acadia students and Team Nova Scotia beach volleyball players Pam Giordani and Melanie McKinnon.

Opening the Vaults

highlighting Acadia's permanent collection of art

By Laurie Dalton ('01)



Alex Colville, *Sleepwalker*, 1975

This year, the Acadia University Art Gallery received an important donation from alumni Ralph ('61) and Georgie (Goodwin) Taylor ('60). The donation of an original Alex Colville serigraph 'Sleepwalker,' 1975, enhances the gallery's collection of Colville's work. The gallery has been collecting Colville's work since 1981, with a generous donation of several works from Constance Hayward ('27). Since then the collection has grown to over 30 works through purchases and donations.

'Sleepwalker,' and the gallery's entire Colville collection, was on exhibit at the gallery from July 4 - September 6, 2009, presented with support from the AAAU.

Acadia's permanent collection of art began in the late 19th century with portraits of Acadia's presidents and founders. With the establishment of the Acadia University Art Gallery in 1978, the collection was expanded through purchases and donations of other works of art. Stewardship of the permanent collection is an important focus of the gallery. The collection is presented publicly through curatorial research projects in the gallery, and can also be found installed throughout the campus. Works not on display are available for research and consultation. For more information visit <http://gallery.acadiau.ca> or call 902-585-1373. ✕

Welcome to the jungle

Guerrilla Girls at the Acadia Art Gallery

By Beth Lyons ('06)

This fall, I stood in the Acadia University Art Gallery, incredibly excited and, frankly, terrified. I was there to meet a pair of artists who had just launched their exhibition—two women who are not only internationally recognized artist-activists, but personal heroes of mine: The Guerrilla Girls.

When the gallery's director brought them over for introductions, I greeted them eagerly, despite their full-face gorilla masks.

Yes, gorilla masks: wrinkled ape faces surrounded by fur. That's The Guerrilla Girls' modus operandi as masked feminist avengers.

The Guerrilla Girls have been wreaking havoc as the self-proclaimed "conscience of the art world" since 1985. The activist collective formed when a group of women artists came together to combat the sexism and racism that was—and still is—an epidemic in the art world. To protect their individual careers,

anonymity was necessary. They joke that a member misspelled guerilla as gorilla and thus the disguise was born. Each Guerrilla Girl also operates under the name of a deceased female artist.

Their primary medium is text- and graphic-based print media for mass consumption (such as posters and billboards). Their specialty is making outrageous-sounding claims backed by facts. One iconic work asks, "Do women have to be naked to get into the Met. Museum?" followed by the statistic that 83 per cent of nudes in the Modern Art sections are female, yet only three per cent of the artists are women. The sexism is shocking and undeniable.

They've been shown in the Tate Modern and Pompidou Centre, and are studied in art classes. The latter, in fact, is how their Acadia exhibit came to be. Acadia's gallery director, Laurie Dalton ('01), studied the collective while an Acadia student. In 2008, Dalton contacted the group about the possibility of an exhibition, their first on the east coast of Canada.



"They were excited to come to a new place and expose people to their work for the first time," she explains. With the support of Acadia and the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage, some of group's best known work was shown from September 17 to November 1. Two of the group's founding members, Frida Kahlo and Kathe Kollwitz, visited Wolfville to launch the exhibit, to give a public talk and to facilitate workshops.

I wasn't the only person eager to meet the pair. The 500-seat Festival Theatre was nearly full for their performance, and over 1,000 people visited the exhibit.

The day after meeting them, I was sitting in my car outside the gallery when I glanced behind me as I began to back up and saw Kahlo and Kollwitz pulling their masks on before entering the gallery. I realized I was witnessing something profound: the moment of stealthy transformation from regular artists to costumed heroines, leaving me giddy at having been privy to a moment that was absolutely bananas. ✕

Calling for climate change action



Acadia students, faculty and staff joined with the community for a 350 Day parade to promote climate change action.

By Jodie Noiles

Acadia Sustainability Projects Coordinator

Acadia and organizations across the Annapolis Valley joined forces this October to stage events in support of urgent action on climate change.

The events were part of a global “350 Day” campaign, held on October 24 this year, to encourage world leaders to make strong commitments at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December 2009. Every event around the world highlighted the number 350, which scientists have identified as the safe upper limit for parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

The Annapolis Valley coalition included Acadia University, the Arthur Irving Academy for the Environment, the Council of Canadians, the Towns of Wolfville and Kentville, the Acadia Environmental Society, the ASU Sustainability Office, local churches, faculty, students and local citizens. Events included a lively parade through the Town of Wolfville, followed by a pumpkin give-away at the Wolfville Clock Tower Park and Wolfville Farmer’s Market (held in the Acadia Students’ Union Building) each pumpkin stenciled with the number 350.

Throughout October, a faculty “Teach-In” brought climate change into classrooms at Acadia and local schools. Acadia students—dressed in life vests and inner tubes for the expected flooding in coming decades—participated in live climate change exhibits around Wolfville.

The Annapolis Valley 350 day events closed with half-time shows at the Axemen hockey game and high school football game held at Raymond Field.

For more information on the campaign and photos of the Wolfville events go to www.350.org.

Acadia diners go “trayless”

By Jodie Noiles

Acadia Sustainability Projects Coordinator

Acadia students are now going “trayless” at Wheelock Dining Hall to help reduce Acadia’s environmental footprint.

“Acadia diners will be helping to significantly reduce food-waste and water and energy consumption which are key elements of Acadia’s sustainability strategy,” said Edith Callaghan, Director of the Arthur Irving

Academy for the Environment. “In addition to the environmental benefits, trayless dining also has important financial and health benefits. Reduced waste reduces operating costs and helps curb excess food consumption, which is healthier for students.”

This student-inspired initiative began as a pilot in 2008 at Wheelock Dining Hall with “trayless Fridays,” although some students—and one entire residence—pledged to cut out trays for the entire year. After consulting

with student leaders, trayless dining became permanent this September, putting Acadia on a growing list of North American universities and colleges to go trayless.

Trayless dining is a collaborative initiative between the Arthur Irving Academy for the Environment, Student Affairs, Facilities Management, Chartwells, and the Acadia Student Environment Network.

orientation

goes green



Dennis House residents compete in the Mock-Olympics "Trash Toss" challenge, one of the new green orientation events.

New student orientation 2009 adopted a green theme, with plenty of fun activities to raise awareness about campus sustainability, new academic programs and opportunities for students to get involved.

The shift to a green orientation program was the result of months of work by The Arthur Irving Academy for the Environment, Student Affairs and a host of student volunteers.

Orientation is the perfect time to introduce new students to the importance of sustainability at Acadia, as well as the many educational and extra-curricular opportunities available to them, and to encourage them to consider their role in a sustainable society. Highlights of this year's activities included:

- Sustainability training for Resident Assistants, Assistant Resident Directors, House Council Reps and New Student Orientation Leaders
- Organic cotton t-shirts for orientation leaders
- 10 new student eco-leaders, recognizable in green organic t-shirts, assisting with events throughout the week.
- New Welcome Centre exhibitors: Kings Transit, Clean Nova Scotia, Valley Waste Resource Management, and the Acadia Community Farm.
- Elimination of plastic bags and excess pamphlets in frosh packs.
- Water awareness breakfast event
- Acadia Farm and Ecohouse programs during special interest group tours.
- Mock-Olympics "Trash Toss" game. ✕

Sharing the air

To help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the Acadia campus is now a no-idling zone. The new policy was announced on October 22 as part of the University's Share the Air initiative, expanding an existing campus-wide ban on tobacco and smoking to include avoiding the use of scented products and limiting unnecessary vehicle idling.

"Acadia faculty, staff, and students are concerned about the quality of the air we breathe so making changes to how we conduct ourselves in our workplace is a natural first step," said President and Vice-Chancellor Ray Ivany. "Our new Share the Air policy encourages our community to avoid using scented personal-care products and cleaners and limits vehicle idling for longer than two minutes, except in a few exceptional circumstances. These are small, but important measures that help us become more aware of our environment and more respectful of people around us."

The no-idling announcement coincided with Campus Sustainability Day, an initiative of the Society for College and University Planning, an international organization that pursues best practices across a range of higher education issues. ✕

Running to save lives



By Jim Prime ('69)

"I've been horrified by landmines since elementary school," says Vancouver-born marathoner Morgan Harrop, an Acadia philosophy major. With 14 kilometers left to run in last summer's 42-K Edmonton Marathon, Harrop's legs felt like "two blocks of stone." He was faced with the choice of continuing to run with excruciating leg cramps and risk

permanent injury, or to quit, letting down supporters who had pledged money to his cause of landmine clearing. Running for a cause made the difference.

"I'd spent four months training for the marathon only to have my expectations dashed. There was no way that I was going to quit. Hobbling 15 kilometres with severe leg cramps is painful, but it obviously doesn't compare to the pain of losing a limb or a family member to an indiscriminate landmine. It's humbling to run for a cause that made the pain of that experience completely trivial."

"I can't imagine too many more compelling stories," says philosophy professor Dr. Stephen Maitzen. "He has a very strong humanitarian impulse."

It was this highly-developed social conscience, along with academic achievement, leadership skills, and unquestioned integrity that have made Harrop one of four Acadia nominees for a Rhodes scholarship. "Being a

Rhodes nominee is truly an honour," he says. "My professors have pushed me academically to do things that I never would have considered attempting before coming to Acadia. Still, while it's nice to have your accomplishments recognized, it has taught me to never stop striving for more. There is always hard work to be done to improve not only one's own life, but more importantly the state of our world in general."

Harrop is a member of the Acadia Axemen soccer squad and credits that role with teaching him about dedication. "The compressed season is so intense that you have to fully commit physically, mentally, and emotionally in order to see any rewards," he says.

"Coming to Acadia has made me realize that my actions actually make a difference. Instead of sitting back and expecting others to take care of things, I've come to realize that it's much more rewarding to get involved in projects yourself." ✕



Associated Alumni of Acadia University Awards – Call for Nominations

Distinguished Alumni Award

The AAAU "Distinguished Alumni Award" recognizes the outstanding achievements of an Acadia alumnus whose endeavours in research, civic duty, business, athletics, the arts, the community, or other areas, have made a significant contribution and have inherently brought honour to Acadia.

Exceptional Alumni Volunteer Award

The AAAU "Exceptional Alumni Volunteer Award" recognizes alumni who contribute significantly to the work of the Association as it endeavours to accomplish its mission.

Nominations for awards will be accepted until January 15, 2010. For more information on these awards and the nomination process, please visit www.acadiau.ca/advancement/aaau/awards/honourawards.html or contact Geoff Irvine, Executive Director of Alumni Affairs (902) 585-1361, geoff.irvine@acadiau.ca

Associated Alumni of Acadia University (AAAU) Board of Directors

The AAAU Board of Directors is made up of 24 dedicated Acadia alumni who serve the association and Acadia for two-year terms. Every year the Board requires new Directors, and welcomes interested alumni to put their names forward for consideration by the nominating committee. Directors are elected at the Annual General Meeting held during Convocation weekend in May.

For more information and to view criteria please contact Geoff Irvine, Executive Director of Alumni Affairs, (902) 585-1361, geoff.irvine@acadiau.ca:

*Deadline for nominations is
March 1, 2010.*



Co-op student helps grandfather's dream come true



Completing a life's work

By Laura Churchill Duke ('98)

"I am sure my grandfather feels proud of me working at the Joggins Fossil Centre as a research assistant. He knows that no one would take better care of his fossils or be so thorough cataloguing them." Lacey Reid ('10) is talking about her experience as an Acadia co-op student at the Joggins Fossil Centre in Joggins, Nova Scotia.

As a biology/chemistry co-op student, Reid is completing her fourth and final work term at the Centre, which opened in 2008. Joggins itself recently received the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage Site stamp of approval because of the wealth of fossils located there from the Carboniferous Period (354 to 290 million years ago).

At the Centre, Reid works primarily in collections management, cataloguing all the recently donated fossil specimens. This is a much bigger task than it sounds as there are no previous records attached to any of the fossils.

There is, however, a remarkable family connection in all of this: Reid is working with the life work of her grandfather, Don Reid, now 87, who has been

combing the Joggins shoreline for over 80 years. According to a June 2009 Halifax Chronicle Herald article, Don began collecting the fossils for their interesting patterns rather than historical significance. When visiting experts arrived at the cliffs, they would seek him out for a guided tour. Eventually, he converted an old building in his yard into a homemade fossil museum.

As a high school student, Lacey Reid used to work at this museum. "Most of the specimens I am now cataloguing, I remember being in the museum. I can even remember how they were arranged in the displays," she says, adding that she used to handle these fossils on a daily basis. "I can remember finding some of the fossils, or my cousins finding fossils and giving them to my grandfather to display at the old museum. I've been learning about fossils ever since I was a kid."

Even though Don had been offered much money for his fossils, he donated them to the Joggins Fossil Centre where they became the core of its collection; the Centre itself is very much a realization of Don's dream. Reid says that her grandfather stops by the Centre occasionally to see how things are

going. "He is impressed with the way things are finally coming together."

"Lacey's work is critically important for the Centre," explains Dr. Melissa Grey ('99). "Collections comprise the basis of any museum and it is vital to have them properly maintained and catalogued."

Being an Acadia grad herself, Grey was happy to have Reid work at the Centre. "This is our first experience with Acadia as the Centre is only one year old, but we plan for many future partnerships. In fact, we have already hired another co-op student from Acadia who starts in September."

"The aim of any co-op placement," explains Acadia co-op coordinator Michelle Larsen ('99), "is to provide students with a hands-on, real-world learning opportunity in their discipline of choice, and to augment the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom."

"Many co-op students receive full-time job offers from organizations with whom they worked as part of the co-op program," says Larsen. "These alumni then start to repeat the cycle by hiring more Acadia co-op students" as the case of Grey and Reid demonstrates so well. ✂

Students Trevor Brisco and Luke Marshall gather samples near the rim of the North Group.

Acadia geoscientists identify asteroid crater in Nova Scotia

When a shelved research project was revived, new studies revealed that a very rare crater near Bridgetown, NS, was formed by an asteroid striking the Earth. Now scientists want to know: could this crater be the “smoking gun” for a controversial theory?

By Rachel Cooper ('89)

Thirty years after an airplane crossed south-western Nova Scotia taking aerial photographs, an elliptical crater visible in one of those photos is causing a stir in the international scientific community.

The crater, called the Bloody Creek structure, was first identified in the late 1980s by George Stevens, an Acadia professor who retired in 1992.

“Elliptical is very rare,” says Dr. Ian Spooner, a geoscientist in Acadia’s Department of Earth and Environmental Science. “The elongated shape is produced by the object coming in at a very low angle, probably less than 15

degrees. By the shape of the crater’s features, George knew it was anomalous.”

Stevens presented a paper, Spooner says. However, none of the research was peer reviewed, so the greater community was not aware of it. Stevens’ interest in the crater continued, and many years later he asked Acadia to expand his research. Spooner agreed to lead a research project that has involved every geoscientist at Acadia.

This new research confirmed that the crater was formed by impact, most likely from a meteorite that weighed hundreds of tonnes. The crater is 400 metres across.

The new findings were presented in San Francisco in December 2007 at the

American Geophysical Union Conference. Spooner and colleague Dr. Rob Raeside presented them “to quite a bit of excitement,” Spooner says. The paper they submitted to the journal *Meteoritics and Planetary Science*, co-authored by virtually everyone in the department, was published in 2009.

“One of the challenges we face is that the crater has been under water since the 1980s, which makes it harder to obtain samples for testing,” Spooner says. “Last year the reservoir levels were very low, so we could get to it on dry land.” The original aerial photo from 1977 was taken before the Bloody Creek reservoir existed. The reservoir is part of a Nova Scotia Power hydro-electric water system.



This 1977 aerial photo shows the crater at Bloody Creek.

Although the shape of the crater suggested it could have been created by an impact, the Acadia scientists were not certain until they had tested the rock and found specific features that result from an impact.

“Our technician, Don Osburn, is able to shave slices of rock so thinly that you can see through them, then put them on slides,” Spooner says. “We found anomalous lines on the rock that provide incontrovertible evidence of a shock, an impact.”

The Bloody Creek structure is the only known impact crater on land in the Maritime provinces.

Beyond its rarity lies the possibility that it is the “smoking gun” for a controversial theory that a sudden cooling of the climate caused mass extinctions of so-called megafauna—giant mammals by today’s standards—in North America at the end of the last Ice Age. The cooling is known to have happened, but its cause and role in mass extinctions are disputed.

According to Spooner, there are two hypotheses about the age of the Bloody Creek structure which, at 10 metres deep, is unusually shallow for its diameter.

The first says that the structure is millions of years old, reduced by erosion until it is now the remnant of a once-great feature.

The second hypothesis, and the one that has grabbed the attention of proponents of the controversial theory, says that the structure is perhaps 13,000 years old. That was near the end of the last Ice Age, when ice was melting in Nova Scotia. The object blasted through a thick layer of ice and

into the bedrock, but all that is left today is the shallow depression in bedrock.

“The archaeological record is somewhat fragmented,” Spooner says. “If the crater impact was recent, it would have had a devastating effect on native peoples in Nova Scotia. But we don’t know its age, and we’re trying to establish that.”

Spooner’s colleague Dr. Peir Pufahl, an impact expert, worked on the massive Sudbury impact event in northern Ontario. The Sudbury event happened 1.85 billion years ago, caused by an Everest-sized object that remained mostly whole, fracturing the Earth’s crust.

The Bloody Creek structure is much smaller although still major. “When an object is smaller and comes in at a low angle, it heats up to the point that it blows up in the atmosphere,” Pufahl says. “Fragments impact the earth like a hydrogen bomb going off.”

Researching the age of the Bloody Creek structure will include taking core samples from the surrounding lakes and looking for large amounts of the mineral iridium. Iridium is found in much higher concentrations in extraterrestrial bodies, such as meteorites, than on Earth. “If we find iridium, we know it’s from a meteorite,” Pufahl says. “We know those lakes were forming around the end of the last Ice Age. Since we know those lakes are young, if we find iridium it’s a good indication that the structure is young.”

The research is supported by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). “There are few small departments in Canada that have the level of NSERC funding that we have here,” says Pufahl. “We’re all NSERC

funded. Acadia is an incredible place for the size and to have access to the grants that we do.”

Trevor Brisco, an NSERC-funded honours student, has been researching a set of three underwater elliptical craters a kilometre north of the Bloody Creek crater. These North Group structures, 200 metres across, are in the Dalhousie Lake reservoir. Rock samples will be sent to collaborators at San Diego State University for analysis.

If the North Group was caused by an impact, it happened at the same time as the Bloody Creek structure, Brisco says. “We’ve definitely found provocative features in the North Group. If the North Group does represent an impact, this site will be the only one of its kind in the world.”

In South America, the Rio Cuarto structure has several elliptical craters whose long axes all point in the same direction. The Nova Scotia site would be the only multiple-elliptical impact site anywhere with long axes pointing in different directions.

“For the Bloody Creek structure, the timing is the big question,” says Pufahl. “If it is young, it would be an incredible find.” Regardless of its age, the impact crater will offer opportunities for students to take part in cutting edge research.

For Spooner, this kind of collaborative work is important. “We have a long history of student involvement, and a willingness of the department to work on something that has been almost forgotten,” he says. “It speaks to Acadia as a community.” ✖

Two Acadia researchers noted for influential publications

Two Acadia faculty members in two different fields have been recognized for influential papers they have published.

Dr. Rick Giles of the Jodrey School of Computer Science won a prestigious award for a Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing (VL/HCC) conference paper. The award recognizes the most influential paper from two decades back that has had a strong influence on VL/HCC research and commerce. The paper is entitled "Prograph: A step towards liberating programming from textual conditioning," and was co-authored with P. T. Cox and T. Pietrzykowski. The paper was presented at the 1989 VL conference. The announcement of the award has been put on the VL/HCC website: <http://eecs.oregonstate.edu/vlhcc09/mip.html>.

Dr. Michael Leiter, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Centre

for Organizational Research and Development, was honoured by the Journal of Organizational Behavior (JOB). In celebration of its 30th volume, the JOB has published a virtual issue comprised of the eight most influential articles published in the journal since its founding in 1980. A 1988 article by Dr. Leiter and Dr. Christina Maslach, "The impact of interpersonal environment on burnout and organizational commitment," was selected as one of the eight. The issue can be viewed at <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/4691/home>.

Leiter, a Tier I Canada Research Chair, has conducted research and written on job burnout throughout his career. His current research focuses on enhancing the quality of collegial relationships to enhance work engagement and to prevent burnout. He maintains international collaborations along with active involvement in applied research in Atlantic Canada. ✕

Faculty and alumni to guide Nova Scotia's Natural Resource Strategy

Congratulations to Acadia alumni Bob Bancroft ('72), Donna Crossland ('86), David Duncan ('79) and Cliff Drysdale ('70), and Acadia biology faculty member and alumnus Steve Mockford ('96), for being among only 12 experts selected to guide the development of Nova Scotia's new natural resources strategy. The province announced the composition of four panels last July.

Acadia Alumni Award Program



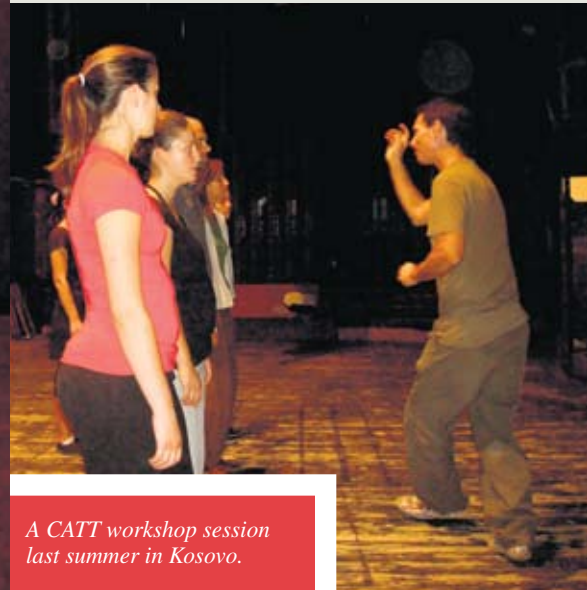
Save \$500 on first-year tuition through your alumni connection to Acadia University!

Money really does grow on trees — family trees. Acadia has a long and rich family history, with successive generations following in their parents' footsteps. Beginning in September 2009, children and grandchildren of Acadia alumni are eligible for a **\$500 one-time award** to be applied against their first-year tuition fees at Acadia.

Students with an alumni parent or grandparent simply need to tell us of this connection in the second step of filling out their online application form at <http://4u.acadiau.ca>. And then visit alumni.acadiau.ca to provide details.

A (working) summer vacation in Kosovo

Theatre student Alexandra Morgan wearing one of the masks used in a CATT workshop.



A CATT workshop session last summer in Kosovo.

By Alexandra Morgan

When fourth-year theatre students Katherine Mewett and Alexandra Morgan told people they would be going to Kosovo, the typical response was, “Why?”

Some thought the country—part of the Balkan region—was in the Middle East. Others cautioned them to not go, or to be wary of theft. They were told to be prepared for cultural norms that might seem awkward to Canadians, to be less apologetic or even a little pushy.

But before even arriving in Kosovo, where the pair spent several days last summer as part of their work with Professor Michael Devine of Acadia’s Department of English and Theatre Studies, they experienced the generosity of spirit and refreshing frankness that became emblematic of the Kosovan people they met.

While waiting in the Vienna airport, the pair met a Kosovan Albanian couple, currently living in the United States, who were bringing their young daughter to meet relatives in Kosovo.

“The described Albanian culture to us in detail,” says Mewett. After a quick and largely unsuccessful Albanian language lesson, the subject of the war 10 years ago came up. “The husband had left the country at the time, but the young

woman had lived through the war. She described the feeling of being 18 years of age and sitting at her front window with a gun, prepared to shoot herself should a stranger wishing her harm come to the house.”

They also found much proof of post-war reinvention, with examples like the Kosovo National Theatre in Pristina, which was the home of CATT: the Centre for Alternative Theatre Training. This is the international theatre initiative developed by Devine over several years through his theatre workshops in fourteen countries and eight languages. It’s similar to techniques used in Acadia theatre classes.

The purpose of CATT is to bring high-level, affordable alternative theatre training around the world. Devine explains that the program resonates with students, regardless of language, because of its physical nature. “[The program] is meant to be inter- and trans-cultural. The idea is to utilize a universal language of codes and signs, both vocal and physical—the most basic human language,” he says.

“When you combine that with the other ‘language’ of theatre—scenography, stage composition, sound design—you get an intercultural production,” Devine explains.

For Mewett and Morgan, assisting with the development of CATT was also a

crash-course in arts administration. Throughout the 2008-09 school year, Mewett organized years of information to build international contacts, while Morgan developed social media strategies to promote the program.

Their work culminated last summer’s CATT session, the first ever. Each of the workshop’s five days started with movement and mask work, followed by Devine’s BoxWhatBox physical workout and closing with lessons in Applied Dramatics.

Acadia theatre alumnus Hartley Jafine ('06) led the Applied Dramatics sessions, and summarizes the larger experience of CATT. “From an Applied Drama perspective, it was about developing an international collective using drama to investigate issues important to everyone, regardless of where they call home.”

Mewett likens the experience of travelling to Kosovo and participating in the workshops to crossing the stage at graduation. “One leaves it a little different than when they started,” she says. Both students say they wouldn’t have missed it for the world.

Future CATT workshops are planned in Greece and Serbia. ✕



A family of a different sort

Acadia alumni in the Senate of Canada

By Fred Sgambati ('83)

For Nova Scotia's newly minted Senator, the recent appointment to the Upper House is the crowning achievement of a journey that started 50 years ago at Acadia.

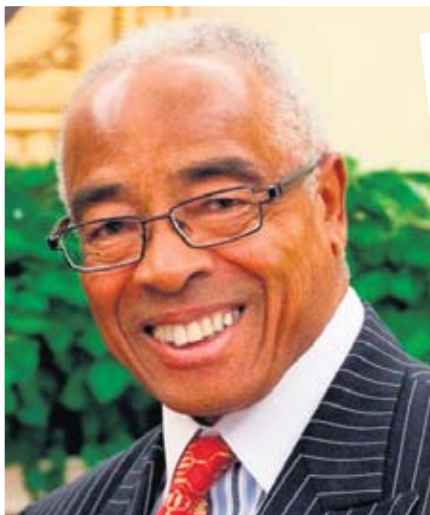
Dr. Kelvin Ogilvie ('63) was appointed to the Senate of Canada last August by Prime Minister Stephen Harper. The former President and Vice-Chancellor of Acadia (1993-2003) says, "this is the crowning point of a life and a career. To be in that environment and making the laws of the land; it's the culmination."

That's saying a lot, considering Ogilvie's extensive resume. He is an educator,

scientist and businessman, inventor, administrator and member of the Order of Canada. But he sees a clear connection between his Acadia family back then to where he is now.

The same could be said of four other members of the Acadia 'family' who are currently or have been in the Senate. Fred Dickson ('58) was appointed in January, 2009, and Donald Oliver ('60) has been a Senator since 1990. Norman Atkins ('57), a Senator for 27 years, retired in June, 2009, and Dr. John B. Stewart ('45), was a Senator from 1984 to 1999. All of them have had distinguished careers and retain connections with the Acadia community.

Stewart earned an Honours degree in history from Acadia, followed just one year later by a Master's in history. He went on to earn a doctorate in Public Law and Governance from Columbia University, and has had a distinguished career as a university professor and author of three books. Stewart ran in three federal elections, and was Member of Parliament for Antigonish-Guysborough from 1962 to 1968. He was appointed to the Senate in 1984, serving on numerous committees. In particular, he became Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs in 1988, a post he retained until retiring from the Senate in 1999.



Photos (left to right): Senator Kelvin Ogilvie ('63) and Senator Donald Oliver ('60) are two of the three Acadia alumni currently in the Senate of Canada. Senator Norman Atkins ('57) retired in June, 2009, after 27 years of service in the Senate.

Dickson earned a degree in Economics prior to establishing himself as one of Nova Scotia's most respected lawyers and one of the nation's top legal experts on offshore resource development. He has also advised federal and provincial governments on resource and infrastructure projects, including serving as an advisor to the Government of Nova Scotia during the signing of the 1982 and 1985 Canada/Nova Scotia Offshore Oil and Gas Agreements. His daughter Kathryn ('95) is an alumnus.

Atkins, who received a Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007, has a strong family connection to Acadia through his father, George 'Gammy' Atkins ('15), an Acadia Sports Hall of Fame inductee. In his final year of studies at Acadia, Atkins donated The Atkins Cup to Major Fred Kelley, in memory of George Atkins. The cup is awarded each year to the football player who shows the greatest improvement through the season. Atkins's mother, Geraldine (Acadia Seminary), and his sister Linda Camp ('42) are also Acadia alumni.

"I was the second of three generations to go to Acadia," Atkins says, "and by the time I hit the campus I had a feeling about the school. I got a sense of spirit; it was genuinely a terrific place and I just had an excellent experience." He played rugby, football and was active in student government.

The Senator says his time on campus "taught me loyalty. It taught me to adopt a commitment to things I was involved in over the years." He added that in many speeches he has given since his Acadia experience, friendship,

loyalty, principle and commitment were underlying themes. "Acadia taught me all these things," he says, and fostered in him positive values that have helped to define his life and career.

A good place to grow

Ogilvie started at Acadia in 1959, when the student population of 750 was a smaller, closer family. "It was a community of young people who integrated into a social community, an extended family," he says.

The Summerville, NS, native says he learned almost as much from his professors as people as he did in course content. The phrase 'a good place to grow' came to define his sense of Acadia; it was, in fact, a great place to grow. He cites social and academic experiences that helped him to develop his character and approach issues with focus and clarity. "It doesn't matter if you're rich or poor," he says. "The only thing you can give up is your integrity and life here at Acadia reinforced my integrity."

In the Senate, he says he can apply that integrity to many issues. "I have a depth of knowledge and experience and I can't think of one thing that fills out my career," as the Senate appointment, says Ogilvie.

Best years of his life

Oliver has had a similar experience. He says, "Acadia University has been part of my family for many generations. My grandfather studied at Acadia and

became the second Black graduate of Acadia in 1903. My half brother, Rev. Dr. William Oliver, earned his BA from Acadia in 1934 and a Bachelor of Divinity in 1936. My uncle Lorne White ('51) also graduated from Acadia.

"The four years I spent on campus were some of the best years of my life," he recalls. Classes were small and, "it felt like we were one big family; we worked together. Everybody was looking out for the academic well-being and progress of one another.

"I have adopted the same approach as a Senator and throughout my career as a lawyer. I have always believed in the importance of working together to accomplish something," he explains. "The four years I spent at Acadia were formative. They have made a profound difference in my career path and my work in the Senate."

Academic and life lessons have combined to create a strong sense of social, personal and spiritual growth. Oliver says his Acadia experience taught him to give back and further defined family values of mutual respect and working for the betterment of the community. "I enjoy devoting my time to making a difference in the lives of Canadians and thanks in part to my time at Acadia, I have developed a desire to get involved in the community," he says.

For each, an unflagging interest in community, public service and society: truly representative of the Acadia family ...then and now. ✂

Clubs at Acadia: membership has its benefits!



By Laura Churchill Duke ('98)

The second in a two-part series examining club activity at Acadia.

"Being involved in clubs made my experience at Acadia," says Colin Hoult ('08). "I became very involved in the Acadia community, met a wide variety of people, and had a creative and social outlet that wasn't always available in the classroom."

Bev (Trites) Richardson ('60), a former Acadia cheerleader, shares her father's wisdom. "He was a great believer that university was much more than books and learning. To learn to get along with your fellow man was most important. I tend to agree."

Many students, like Hoult, have wonderful memories of club involvement at Acadia. The benefits were boundless: making friends, travelling, gaining self-confidence, and becoming well-rounded students. For Nancy (Turner) Sweeney ('07) club membership connected her with professors in a casual setting. "When we attended things like barbecues, baseball games, and Christmas parties," says Sweeney, "we were all on the same level. You learned very quickly that there was more

to your profs than what you saw in the classroom at 8:30 a.m.!"

Most importantly, campus clubs have been bringing people together for years. Whether it is the Curly Hair Guys Club or the Monty Python Appreciation Club, there is something for everyone. And if there isn't a club for your interests, you can simply start a new club, like Fred Chipman ('61) and friends. They formed the Flamingo Club, a purely social group with "no formal meetings, but lots of gab sessions," explains Chipman. Members of the Saint Lucy's Club in the early 1970s "basically made things up as we went along," says former member John Boyd ('71).

Gaining skills

For others, clubs offered the chance to gain life skills and to develop an interest in a topic, such as politics. Keith Churchill ('61) was a member of the Progressive Conservative Student Federation, and ran mock "campaigns" during annual campus-wide model parliamentary elections.

"One year we hired a plane to drop party leaflets on the campus," explains Churchill. "Another time we set up a radio broadcast from the house off-campus where I lived." Through his

travels with this club, Churchill had his picture taken with Prime Minister John Diefenbaker. "I still have the picture," says Churchill, "and it reminds me of what it was like to be young, full of zeal and making the first steps in the wider world of Canadian affairs."

More recently, Sweeney was a member of the Acadia Young Liberals, planning events with visiting politicians such as Stephane Dion. "Not only did my knowledge of the political world grow, I also developed invaluable skills such as self-confidence and determination, and expanded my personal convictions," she says.

On the field

Clubs offer opportunities to participate in non-varsity athletics such as field hockey, the Acadia Dance Collective, and ultimate frisbee. According to Josh Ledderhof ('09), a founding member of the Laxmen, Acadia's lacrosse club, the club started in 2005 when over 30 students wanted to compete in the Maritime University Field Lacrosse League. "Leading and running the lacrosse club has provided me with valuable experience leading, organizing and coaching peers while being on the same level as them," says Ledderhof.



Photos (left to right):

A 1970 yearbook photo of the *Beggar's Opera*, staged by the Acadia Light Opera Society.

Members of the Saint Lucy's Club in a 1971 yearbook photo. Club members were assigned extremely long and regal-sounding titles, although the yearbook editor acknowledged the club as "a bit of nonsense."

Cheerleading has long been a popular club activity, as shown in this 1967 yearbook photo. Today, Acadia Power Cheerleading remains a top campus club.

Clubs to careers

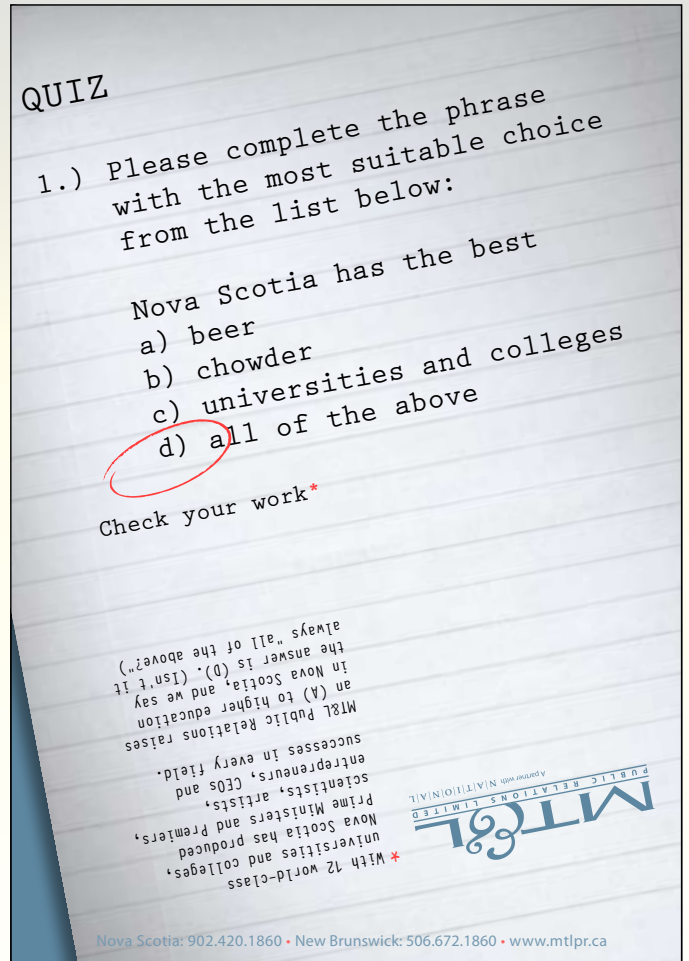
For others, like Carol Ann (Pope) Burden ('71), club involvement helped in their careers. Burden was a member of the Light Opera Society, where she directed various productions. Later, as a teacher, she was asked to direct plays with her students. "I never would have had the nerve to do this before my club experience, or even had the thought that I could do it!"

Club legends

Stories of legendary club rivalries are still circulating. Engineering and theology grads from the 1960s and 1970s still recall club hockey and broomball, especially the matches during winter carnival. According to Reverend Roger Prentice ('69), if the theology students won, the engineering students had to attend a morning chapel service. If the theology students lost they would have to clean the engineers' club room.

Engineering grad Terry Hennigar ('65) recalls, "we were out-classed, out-manouvered, out-skated, and out-scored." Hedley Hopkins ('60) continues the story. "The next evening the engineers came trooping into vespers in Uhall, filling several rows. The chaplain, the Reverend Charlie Taylor's eyes grew wide with astonishment. What a congregation he had that night!" It helped that several theology students, including David Watt ('62), Bruce Watt ('65) and Bob Jones ('63) were varsity hockey players!

Ask any alumnus about their Acadia club experience, and you'll be regaled with stories of fun and friendship. As Hennigar says, "If the statues of limitations have expired on activities carried out during these club functions on campus, there are still great stories to tell!" ✂



Taking it to the streets

The story of Acadia's recruiting strategy

By Sherri Turner

Acadia University is taking its recruiting message to the streets, literally. Along for the ride are members of the campus community who are sharing their Acadia story with prospective students in a very personal way.

Called "What's Your Story?" the recruiting campaign features current students, faculty, and alumni sharing their Acadia experience. The content of this campaign is shaped almost entirely by the participants, who are simply telling their own Acadia stories.

"This campaign is truly a new take on an old adage; truth in advertising," says Ray Ivany, Acadia's President and Vice-Chancellor. "That truth belongs to our students and faculty who know us best and whose stories are relevant and appealing to prospective students. Acadia offers such an incredible overall student experience that we can trust that their stories will be compelling."

In fact, Acadia struck recruiting gold during market research conducted by MT&L, an Atlantic-based marketing and public relations firm with extensive experience in the university sector. It was during focus groups with students that consultant Kim West got excited about the campaign.

"What was striking about Acadia was the passion students had when talking about their experience there," says Kim West, a partner with MT&L. "When we heard students saying, 'It's like family here' and 'It's the reason I'm successful today', that was our aha! moment."

The recommendation from MT&L was to provide an outlet for current students to communicate with prospective students. That idea resonated with university administrators, who after three year of enrolment decline were searching for the cause. "There was a disconnection," says Ivany. "At the same time our enrolment numbers were declining, our student body was giving us satisfaction ratings that were through the roof. This campaign gave 'voice' to the experience of our current students and we believed this would resonate with prospective students."

In typical brand management, institutions attempt to control their brand by shaping what people believe about their product through careful strategy and key messaging. With "What's Your Story" Acadia is relinquishing some of that control and letting the values of the institution speak for themselves through the diverse views and experiences of its storytellers.

Sounds simple enough, but in today's competitive marketplace simply having a good student experience doesn't cut it in recruiting. You not only have to tell your story in the right way, you also have to be in the right place. And for this technologically-savvy set of social media consumers, that means meeting them where they are—in the malls and online.

"There are two reasons for Acadia to use a social media strategy to connect with prospective students," explains Savior Joseph ('02). He's the director of digital media at Colour, a Canadian-based firm that focuses on getting closer to customers through integrated communications and marketing. The company is a pioneer in social media marketing.

"This demographic lives online," says Joseph. "They use their laptops, their mobile phones, and personal multimedia players to connect with their friends and the world, much more than past generations watched TV or talked on the phone. They also trust their peers more than experts."

For these reasons he sees Acadia's strategy as a positive one. "There is a real power in social media, particularly when you have authentic Web brand advocates telling their stories," he explains. "That gives Acadia more credibility."

In terms of his own Acadia story, Joseph says it was "absolutely phenomenal." The business administration grad and former member of the Basketball Axemen says his Acadia experience was never about the buildings, but about "the people."

Acadia took its "stories" to the Toronto Eaton Centre during March Break last year, placed ads online, created Facebook pages and Twitter accounts, and revamped its student recruiting Web portal to include student bloggers. In the portal, prospective students can also watch the same participants featured on life-size banners in recruiting displays come to life in online videos.

This summer, billboards were featured in Metro Halifax, and bus advertising travelled the Annapolis Valley. When recruiters hit the schools this September, they were armed with posters featuring an aerial view of campus shot by alumnus Mike Dembeck ('98), and a viewbook that shares the "Acadia Story" in a traditional print format. Faculty members are taking time to speak with prospective students and their families, and campus visits are at an all time high. In October, Acadia's annual Open House, a one-day mass campus visit, attracted

a record 261 high school students as well as their family members. The university is also appealing to its alumni to share their Acadia story with prospective students.

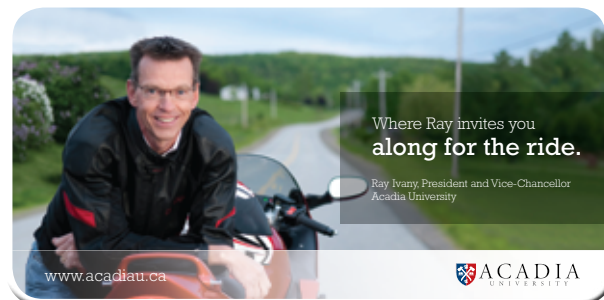
While the impact of this campaign will be felt in the coming months, preliminary indications are impressive. The "What's Your Story" online banner ads, seen almost 30 million times, drove more than 12,000 visitors to the Acadia4U Web portal. Even more exciting, Acadia's new Facebook page attracted more than 600 members, including 80 per cent of the incoming class this year.

Bucking regional trends, Acadia's first-year enrolment is up 13 per cent; campus residences are full; Facebook stats, online video views, and Acadia4U Web portal visits are up. The recruitment team has double the usual number of students registered in its applicant pool over this time last year. Add to that Acadia's rise in the annual Maclean's university rankings to second place (from third last year) among primarily undergraduate institutions in Canada, and you can feel the momentum.

"We are making the connections we need to make," says Ivany. "Acadia may not be for every student, but for some students we may be their best opportunity and we want to ensure they have the chance to get to know us and make a decision that is right for them. After all, Acadia has provided

a personalized, top tier university education for more than 171 years, and we are committed to keeping that story going."

This campaign is a new take on an old adage: truth in advertising.



Taking it to the streets: signs of success

Jenna Dickson almost overlooked Acadia. The Port Hope, ON, resident admits she wasn't going to consider any university outside her home province. But when she received her acceptance materials from a large university there, she started to panic. "I looked at the material and I realized I didn't belong there," she recalls. "I wanted to go to a university where I would be known, where I would matter. That's when my guidance counselor asked me why I didn't consider Acadia." Although she applied late, she says that once she connected with the people there, she knew she had made the right choice. She's now in her second year of biology and lives in residence. For her photo shoot, the Minas Basin mud flats stepped in for the Arctic, where Jenna travelled and helped launch a protected area for whales. You can watch her story online.

261 - the record number of prospective students at Acadia's annual Open House in October.

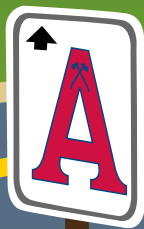
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Bruce Phinney ('81) took one for the team when he was recruited to paint his face for a billboard destined for Metro Halifax. "I did it because the university president asked me to," he says. "The response was incredible, although I took a lot of ribbing in the more than 400 emails I received about it." That's the power of the Acadia network, one that Bruce has worked since graduating. Currently, the industrial entrepreneur is a member of Acadia's Board of Governors, and President of the Associated Alumni of Acadia University. Bruce says he got his introduction to university administration as a member of the Acadia Students' Union. And he admits his tagline rings true: "I did get my game face here."



Anna Redden ('79) might be able to predict the future. After all, the one-time student of biology and summer researcher for Dr. Graham Daborn boldly declared she'd be back for his job when she left Acadia for post-graduate studies. Nearly 30 years later, Redden did just that when she became Director of Acadia's Estuarine Research Centre. Today, Redden is leading research on tidal power capacity in the Minas Passage. For her photo shoot, she chose the Kingsport salt marshes, the site of her masters' research. "The best thing about being back here is that no one tells me what I can or can't do," says Redden. "So there's no limit on what I can achieve. Acadia is a good place for pioneers."

600 – the number of members who joined Acadia's Facebook page for the Class of 2013.



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5 new inductees to Acadia Sports Hall of Fame

Top (l-r): Former Acadia President Dr. James Perkin, inducted in the Builder category.

Holly LeReverend-Smith ('81), former varsity swimmer, was inducted in the Athlete category.

Greg Clancy ('97), captain of the 1995-96 Axemen hockey team, represented the team in an interview with Len Hawley.

Bottom (l-r): Former Axemen football players (left to right) Bill Barlett ('80), Donnie Clow ('83), Stuart MacLean ('83), Jim Williams ('82) and Tony Munden ('85) were among the many players on hand to honour Coach John Huard, inducted as a Builder.

Dave Rode ('66), former varsity basketball player, was interviewed by Brian Heaney ('69) as part of Rode's induction in the Athlete category.



By John DeCoste ('77)

Five new inductees were welcomed into the Acadia Sports Hall of Fame in ceremony held October 17 as part of Homecoming weekend.

The inductees included former Acadia president Dr. James Perkin and former Acadia football coach John Huard as builders; swimmer Holly LeReverend-Smith ('81) and basketball player Dave Rode ('66) as athletes; and the 1995-1996 CIS-champion hockey Axemen in the team category.

The Sports Hall of Fame was initiated in 1988 as a means of recognizing those individuals and teams who have made a significant athletic contribution to Acadia as athletes or builders. The last inductees to the Hall prior to this year were in 2007. Director of Varsity Athletics Brian Heaney ('69) envisioned not only a return to

annual inductions, but combining them with a formal dinner and induction ceremony fundraising event. An event committee chaired by David Ritcey ('83), organized the dinner.

From all accounts, this year's event was a rousing success. Approximately 300 tickets were sold, and more than \$20,000 was raised. These funds will help support student athletes and improvements to Acadia's athletics facilities.

All the inductees were present or represented except Huard, who was unable to attend due to illness. In a touching gesture, a number of Huard's former players jointly accepted the award on his behalf.

All but five of the 1995-1996 hockey Axemen made it back for the ceremony, from as far away as Hong Kong.

"It was a spectacular event honouring a phenomenal slate of inductees," Heaney remarked. He was especially pleased "to hear people in attendance talk about the entertainment value of the event, and say that it was one of the most delightful events of its kind they had attended."

A departure from past induction ceremonies saw the inductees take part in a question and answer session with an interviewer. "We were able to connect the audience with the inductees through the interviews," Heaney said. He added, "next year, we may provide a forum for the audience to ask questions." The plan is for the Sports Hall of Fame dinner to become an annual event, either in connection with Homecoming or on another separate weekend. ❌

Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame honours Acadia greats

By Jim Prime ('69)

Brian Heaney ('69) failed to make his high school basketball team until his senior year and then played a total of two minutes the entire season, scoring two points. Bruce Beaton ('92) did not play a single down of high school football and had no interest in the game. Which only goes to show it's not where you start but where you finish that counts. Heaney and Beaton, along with the 1976-77 Axemen basketball team, were among eight inductees into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame on November 7, 2009.



Photo: Mona Ghiz

Brian Heaney

Recruited to Acadia by legendary coach Stu Aberdeen, Heaney blossomed into a superstar. He was a perennial All-Canadian Selection, smashed eight school scoring records, and led his teams to three Maritime titles and a National Championship in 1964-65. "The Hawk," as he was known to fans, averaged 34.1 points per game in the AUBC in 1967-68.

After graduation, Heaney was selected by the Baltimore Bullets in the 1969 NBA draft, becoming the first foreign-trained player in the league.

The following year he played in the Eastern Professional League and finished in the top ten in scoring and third in the league in assists.

After his professional career he returned to Nova Scotia and coached the SMU Huskies to three national championships, making him the first person to win as a player and a coach. He coached Canada's women's national team in the World Championships and Pan Am Games in 1975 and the Olympics in 1976.

Heaney served as an NBA colour analyst for the Raptors on TSN, Raptors TV and CTV. He returned to Acadia in 2007 as Athletic Director, a move that he calls "coming home."



Photo: Mona Ghiz

Bruce Beaton

Bruce Beaton credits Acadia with making him into a football player. "If I'd gone to any other school in Canada, I wouldn't have gone to CFL evaluation camp, I wouldn't have been drafted, and I probably wouldn't have even played football."

It was his friend Robert MacInnis who steered Beaton to Acadia, and to football. "I'd never played high school football and had no interest in playing college football," Beaton told columnist Terry Jones in a 2005 interview. Beaton persevered and went on to earn All-Canadian honours three times at Acadia. "I was really surprised one day when my coach called me into his office and told me I had the ability to play pro," he says.

As an offensive lineman, he won two Grey Cups with the Edmonton Eskimos and was a three-time CFL All-Star. Beaton also played in the short-lived XFL and earned a tryout with the Indianapolis Colts of the NFL.

Photos: Brian Heaney ('69) with wife Liana ('68) and daughter Jenny ('03) in front of Brian's Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame display.

Induction ceremony emcee Bruce Rainnie interviews Bruce Beaton ('92).

Members of the 1976-77 men's basketball team during their Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame induction. From closest to camera are Ted Upshaw ('80), Tony Aker ('78), Bruce Hunt ('79) Steve Johnson, Bruce Toigo ('78), Norm Whynot ('80), Al Oliver ('78), John Archibald ('79), John Townsend ('77), Liz Raaymakers Popowich ('77), Gordie West ('78), Robert Upshaw ('77), Peter Justason ('79).



Photo: John DeCoste ('77)

1976-77 Basketball Axemen

The 1976-77 Axemen basketball squad captured the CIS championship in Halifax. The victory was proof positive of the growth of basketball at Nova Scotia high schools as the Axemen lineup boasted eight Nova Scotia players, including of Liverpool's Gordie West ('78) and Lower Sackville's Robert Upshaw ('77). Forward Ted Upshaw ('80), a freshman from Windsor who would later blossom into an All-Canadian, was the first man off the bench.

In 1973 a new CIAU (now CIS) rule stated that there could be only three non-Canadians on a team. This seemed to put a small province like Nova Scotia at a distinct disadvantage but Acadia coach Dick Hunt accepted the challenge and scoured the province's high schools for talent. By 1976, they had gelled into a cohesive unit that went 25-5, including 16 straight wins.

Sports reporter John DeCoste ('77), who nominated the team for Hall of Fame induction, sees their national championship as a watershed moment for basketball in Nova Scotia. "The exposure that this team gave the sport in Nova Scotia paved the way for high school basketball in this province," he suggests. ✕



Remembering Don Wells

By Eric Cederberg ('94)

The Acadia community has lost one of its most recognized builders of the Department of Varsity Athletics. After a long and courageous battle with cancer, Don Wells ('65) passed away peacefully on June 27, 2009, surrounded by family and friends.

Wells attended the University of New Brunswick, graduating with a Bachelor of Physical Education. After a year of teaching and playing senior hockey in Newfoundland, he enrolled at Acadia where he completed his Bachelor of Education. He later completed a Master's in Education from UNB and pursued doctoral studies at Indiana University.

A gifted athlete, Wells was a Conference All-Star with UNB in hockey and Most Valuable Player in football. He played one season with the hockey Axemen and was named Most Valuable Player. The following year, 1965, he was named the men's varsity hockey coach. He led the hockey Axemen for the next 19 seasons. He also coached the women's hockey team for a number of years.

It was in this coaching role, and later as Acadia's Director of Athletics, that he mentored many student athletes. One of those athletes was current Axemen hockey Assistant Coach Mike Alcoe ('79).

Alcoe recalls his years as a player, coach and friend of Wells. "My fondest memory of Mr. Wells is that he really enjoyed working with student athletes and seeing them succeed in whatever they endeavoured to do," he says.

"From the time I arrived in Wolfville in 1976 until the last time I visited him, he was always passing along tips and his thoughts on all topics which could be used in coaching and everyday life. He will always be remembered as 'Mr. Wells'."

In 1984, Wells was appointed Athletic Director at Acadia. Over the next 13 years, he worked tirelessly to build varsity sports programs while serving on numerous committees and boards both with the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association (AUAA) and the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU). He continued to mentor coaches and student athletes.

Current hockey Head Coach Darren Burns ('95) was a varsity hockey player when Wells served as Director. Burns recalls starting as head coach, and the help "Mr. Wells" offered during turbulent times. "When I became the coach at Acadia, Don spent many days just sitting and listening in my office," he says. "As our program improved and became a contender, it was then I had to laugh. He was there during the early days because he probably knew, whether I admitted it or not, I needed somebody to talk to."

Wells' support for his coaching staff and athletes was second to none. He could be regularly seen at many of varsity away games and would never miss any Acadia home game.

Wells' numerous achievements include his induction into the Acadia Sports Hall of Fame and the Hockey Honour Roll and the Newfoundland Baseball Hall of Fame. In 1998, he was presented the Austin Mathews Award for Outstanding Contributions to Canadian University Sport. In addition to coaching hockey, he has coached football, cross-country and track and field.

In 1998, he received the AAAU Excellence in University Service award and in 2008 he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Acadia.

In recognition of his years of dedication to varsity sport, the Atlantic University Sports Management Council unanimously accepted recommendations to rename the league's Most Sportsmanlike Award the *Don Wells Trophy*.

There is no doubt that Acadia University was fortunate to have Don Wells as a Coach, Director and Educator.

Historical content contributed by Don Wells' family. ❄️



Chris Stone

Varsity Swimming Coach

Acadia varsity swimming resurfaces with new coach

By Jim Prime ('69)

After a 15 year absence, Acadia varsity swimming has resurfaced. The Acadia pool, scene of many record-breaking performances prior to 1994, will once again showcase the best the AUS has to offer.

Wolfville Tritons Swim Club head coach Chris Stone has been selected to coach the Acadia varsity swimmers. "Being able to bring back our varsity swimming program by partnering with the Tritons will give these athletes a reason to chose Acadia," says Brian Heaney ('69), Director of Varsity Athletics.

The wider swimming community is equally enthusiastic about Acadia's return to the AUS. "Acadia's re-instatement of its varsity program is great news," says Sue Jackson, president of Swim Nova Scotia. "This will open up more opportunities for Atlantic Canada's young athletes to further their swimming careers while obtaining a quality education close to home." She adds, "It should help all our AUS swimmers swim faster!"

Mike Boudreau, President of the Wolfville Tritons, sees the alliance with Acadia as a win-win situation for both teams. "Not only will the varsity swimmers give the younger Tritons swimmers something to aspire to, they will undoubtedly be a natural fit as role models for the younger swimmers."

The initial varsity squad consists of eight women and five men and there is already a Tritons presence, with Pete Porskamp, Zack Deutsch and Christine Smith, all graduates of the Wolfville program. Missy Spencer, another former Triton, is the team manager. Currently swimming for Dalhousie where she holds the school record for the 200-meter breaststroke, Spencer plans to transfer to Acadia for next season.

On January 23-24, 2010, Acadia will host the Jack Scholz Invitational AUS Swim Meet, in honour of the man who helped build Acadia's swimming reputation. Scholz coached Acadia swimmers for 20 years and helped the Acadia women capture consecutive national titles in 1977-78.



Angela Morrison

Women's Soccer Coach

Alumna comes home to lead soccer Axewomen

The hiring of former Axewoman Angela Morrison ('96) as coach confirms Acadia's commitment to women's soccer.

As a netminder for the 1996 Axewomen, she helped lead them to an AUAA title, allowing no goals against during the entire regular season.

After a two-year stint playing professional soccer in Japan (1997-98), Morrison began her university coaching career as an assistant at the University of Maine Presque Isle. In 1999 she moved on to the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks where she earned her Master's of Science in Educational Leadership while serving as an assistant coach with the Fighting Sioux. In 2001 she became their head coach.

Morrison then took over as assistant and then head coach at San Diego State University where she remained for two seasons. From San Diego, she moved to Montana where she served as assistant coach of the University of Montana Grizzlies.

"I am confident that Angela will guide our women's soccer program in the right direction," says Director of Varsity Athletics Brian Heaney ('69). "She will provide great leadership for our student athletes and the Annapolis Valley's budding stars." ❄️

Faculty Association creates student equity awards



AUFA President Dr. Janice Best presents a cheque to Acadia President Ray Ivany last August. The funds will create the AUFA Equity Scholarships and Bursaries.

Going that extra mile for students and providing one-on-one academic support is what Acadia's faculty is known for—it's the foundation of Acadia's model of personalized education.

That commitment to students and their studies was reaffirmed last August when the Acadia University Faculty Association (AUFA) provided \$25,000 to create the AUFA Equity Scholarships and Bursaries. AUFA's gift is already assisting new and returning students with financial need in the 2009-2010 academic year.

To complement the gift from the association, a significant number of individual faculty members have made donations to these newly created awards. These additional gifts will assist students in the 2010-2011 academic year and in future years.

The awards (the AUFA Equity Scholarship, the AUFA Equity Scholar-Bursary and the AUFA Equity Bursary) will help ensure Acadia's competitive edge when recruiting students from underrepresented local groups. These awards aim to reduce the financial burden students can face while attending university. The awards will also increase equity amongst minority groups on campus and will enhance the learning experience of all Acadia students by broadening perspectives.

For more information on these awards, please visit: http://financialaid.acadiau.ca/current_student.html ✕



Students Margaret Elizabeth Fox and Matthew Nunn say receiving the TMC Law Scholarship has made a difference in their lives.

Scholarship allows students to focus on studies, pursue dreams

TMC Law honoured for its longstanding support of Acadia and its students

In October, Acadia students, faculty and staff, along with representatives from Nova Scotia law firm TMC Law, gathered at Acadia's new Biology Building to dedicate the central Biology Department office in recognition of the firm's longstanding support of Acadia.

That support has taken the form of leadership on Acadia's Board of Governors, sharing knowledge with students via guest lectures and mentoring relationships, and a scholarship for deserving students from Annapolis Valley high schools—not to mention the fact that several of the firm's lawyers are Acadia alumni, too. Three TMC Law scholarship recipients were on hand at the event; Amber Corkum, a third year honours math and business student from Scott's Bay, NS; Margaret Elizabeth Fox, a second year music composition student from Kentville, NS; and Matthew Nunn, this year's scholarship recipient, a first year biology student and varsity soccer player from Coldbrook, NS.

Nunn told the audience how the scholarship has allowed him to pursue his dream. "Growing up in the valley, I've always had a strong connection with Acadia," he said. "Attending Acadia was a dream of mine. I had offers from other universities, but receiving this scholarship allowed me to pursue my dream, and it has a vast impact on permitting me to focus on my courses."

Like Nunn, Fox says the scholarship has allowed her to focus on academics. "Receiving this scholarship was a very pleasant surprise. It removed a financial burden, so I could focus on my studies," she said. Fox specializes in music composition and plays the piano and pipe organ. She explained that it's an interesting coincidence to receive a scholarship supported by a law firm. "I hope to study law after earning my BA. I'd like to specialize in intellectual property law, so I can manage my own compositions." ✕



Turning challenges into opportunities.

By Sherri Turner

Turning challenges into opportunities—that's the idea behind Acadia 360, a new twist on fundraising designed to create renewable scholarship and financial assistance opportunities for deserving students who want to attend Acadia University.

"This new initiative allows alumni and friends to support students who might otherwise not be able to attend Acadia," explains John MacFarlane ('85), Vice-President, Advancement. "We all remember what it's like to be a prospective student considering our post-secondary careers and the powerful difference that an offer of financial assistance can make."

When Acadia University launched its successful Tides are Turning Capital Campaign, the response from Acadia's alumni and friends was overwhelming, recalls MacFarlane. With nearly \$52 million pledged, the institution received essential dollars to finance infrastructure investments and to endow financial support for students. In the current economic climate, however, those endowed funds will take time to realize their full potential.

"This is where Acadia 360 offers alumni and friends the opportunity to help prospective students in an immediate and meaningful way," MacFarlane says. "With Acadia 360, we're offering them the opportunity to share their success with the next generation of Acadia students."

We'll put donor dollars to work today to help our incoming classes of 2010 and 2011."

"Acadia 360 is how our alumni can come 'full circle' and give back to today's students," says Ian Ripley, Executive Director of Development. "Acadia's current student giving structure focuses on entrance versus renewable dollars." With a successful fundraising initiative, the university will be able to ensure more students can attend Acadia knowing they have long-term support, he explains.

As a high school student living in nearby Windsor, NS, Dr. Anna Redden ('76) had her mind made up about attending Acadia for her undergraduate biology degree simply by visiting campus as a track-and-field athlete. Now, more than 30 years later, she is an associate professor of biology and the director of Acadia's Estuarine Research Centre.

"I'm where I want to be," she says. "So each year, I choose to give back to Acadia by providing financial assistance for student scholarships."

Redden helps support a scholarship that the Department of Biology set up in the name of Wanda Langley, a former administrative assistant known for her caring ways with all students. "My reason to give back is simple; there are a lot of kids who may not be able to, or who may choose not to go to university without financial support. As an educator, I don't want any student to miss that opportunity."

Bruce Phinney ('81) agrees it is important to pay it forward. As President of the Alumni Association and a member of Acadia's Board of Directors, the industrial entrepreneur is a regular supporter of fundraising initiatives.

"It's easy to give to student financial assistance," he explains. "It's the right thing to do when you believe in an institution like I believe in Acadia."

"Today, financial assistance is more important than ever because tuitions are higher," he says. "A student can't easily earn their way through university, but by giving to Acadia 360 I can help assist someone throughout the duration of their degree program. That's enticing."

Acadia 360 offers flexible giving options to suit each circumstance – with gifts ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,500 per year over four years – allowing donors to choose a level of support that suits them, while still ensuring that their donation will go directly to help a new student attend Acadia. Or donors can choose to support one of four new funds, or add to one of Acadia's existing scholarship endowment fund.

To receive more information or to donate, contact Ian Ripley at advancement@acadiau.ca or call 1-866-222-3428.

AAAU FINANCIAL UPDATE

*Associated Alumni of Acadia University
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2009*

ASSETS

Operating Fund	\$ -
AAAU/ACADIA Joint Account	163,204
Affinity Fund	222,167
General Fund (Alumni Hall)	61,553
Constance Hayward Fund	468,502
Carr Fund	39,057
Graham Fund	14,954
Vesta Magee Fund	28,613
Allan Fulton Fund	11,935
Total Assets	\$1,009,984

COMMITTED FUNDS

Capital Campaign Contribution	\$ 500,000
Scholarships	10,000
Student Calling Program	184,780
Excellence in Teaching Awards	3,000
Student Summer Grants	10,000
Funding for New Branches	5,000
Football Field Enhancements	50,000
Student Initiatives	1,000
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125 Years of Acadia Women

Update from the Toronto Acadia Women's Event Committee

The results are in! The Toronto Acadia Women's Event Committee reports approximately \$10,000 was raised from *125 Years of Acadia Women: Seeing our future by reflecting our past*, an educational and networking event held last April in Toronto. Over 100 alumni attended this event celebrating Acadia's first female graduate 125 years ago. Funds raised will go towards a scholarship named after that graduate, the Clara Belle Marshall Scholarship fund.

Committee Chair Susie Langley ('61) says the event committee has become like a family, and looks forward to more exciting events to come from Toronto Acadia women. For all their hard work on this event, a special thanks to event committee members, Susie Langley (Chair), Valerie Bell ('75), Libby Burnham ('60), Jaclyn Clare ('01), Pat Mosdell ('96), Caitlin McCain ('00), Jan Tingley ('69), Martha Hoyt ('78), Lynda McCowan ('74), Janice MacNeill ('76), Bobbi MacNeill ('50), Natalie Irwin ('01), A. Joan Bennett ('51), and Suzanne Kiani ('07).



This July, the Ontario East Under 17 football team took home the 2009 Football Canada Cup. The team was nicknamed "the Axemen" thanks to the SEVEN Acadia alumni on the coaching staff...maybe some of those players will call Raymond Field home someday soon! Back row, left to right, Jason Kana ('01), Lee Barette ('96), Ryan Bechmanis, Blaine Scatcherd ('99), Chris Coulson ('98), Clint Uttley ('01). Front row, left to right, Pat Tracey, Hilary Felice, Danny Laramée ('91) and Rich Burey ('98).



After 30 years, eight great Acadia women got together in Ottawa in May 2009. They travelled from Bermuda, San Diego, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia to celebrate friendships made at Acadia that are still strong today! All Tully residents, the group shared many laughs, looking at old yearbooks and testing fading memories! Here's looking at you Tully! From left to right are Sharon (Douglas) Westbrook ('80), Val Devlin ('79), Heather (Forbes) Cannon ('80), Holly Reardon ('81), Jenny (Bunsee) Swan ('80), Glendora (Wilson) Boland ('79), Margaret (Chapman) Ruocco ('79) and Sue Robertson ('80)... that's 240 years of Acadia women!



This summer, a group of '86-'87 Recreation Management grads gathered at the home of Randy Mugford ('87) in Portuguese Cove, NS to celebrate good memories and great friends. From left to right are Jo-Anne MacWhirter ('87), Dawn (Bain) Ettinger ('87), Suzanne Wilson-Carr ('86), Randy Mugford, Robin Norrie ('86), Anne Walker ('87) and Cindy (Burke) James ('87). Mugford's dog, Sambro, is in front.

Summer Reunion 2009

This Summer close to 400 alumni and friends celebrated an All-'60s Reunion, and the Reunions of the Classes of 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954 and 1959.

1. Six former—and one current—AAAU Presidents came together at the reunion banquet. Back row (left to right) are Janet Kirk ('71), Richard Cain ('62), Gordon Lummis ('59), Danny MacIntosh ('61) and Bruce Phinney ('81). In the front row are (left to right) Vincent Leung ('64), Pete Connelly ('64), and Ned Chase ('63).
2. Reunion weekend started with a kick-off barbeque at the Axe with great music and dancing! Reunion planning committee member Hughie Bruce ('68) waits to follow Wynne Macaskill-Delaney under the limbo stick.
3. Summer reunion participants brought back great Acadia memorabilia from their student days, which was displayed throughout the reunion weekend.
4. The All-'60s reunion theme was "Winter Carnival in July" complete with a variety show. Dozens of great acts took the stage, including the "no name" barbershop quartet composed of Fred DeBarres, Brad MacDonald ('78), variety show emcee Murray Phillips ('65) and Carlos Perry.
5. Alistair ('67) and Linda ('70) McNeill at the post-reunion banquet dance. Alistair is President of the Class of 1967, and was one of the key organizers behind the All-'60s reunion.
6. Manning Memorial Chapel was full for the reunion memorial service, which featured music by the chapel choir reunion group.
7. Judy Binns ('64), Linda Piers (Class of '64 President), John Nowlan ('64) and Sandra (Simpson) Nowlan ('64) at the summer reunion picnic at Wolfville's Waterfront Park. Guests enjoyed a delicious BBQ chicken lunch by the Wolfville Curling Club, music by Phil DeMille's ('68) band Hourglass, great company and great weather!
8. Members of the Acadia chapel choir reunited during the summer reunion. After only a few short rehearsals, the group, led by Dr. Dan Gibson ('68), gave two wonderful performances, at the reunion variety show and at the reunion memorial service.
9. At the variety show, pianist Jimmy Aulenbach ('68), singer Verlie Wile ('71) and drummer John Hatfield ('66) formed an impromptu trio, receiving a standing ovation for their performance.
10. The Class of 1959 celebrated its golden anniversary last summer, taking home the Reunion Cup for having the highest percentage of active class members attending the reunion. Irene (Mountain) Davison ('59), Freeman Patterson ('59) and Eleanor (Gates) Palmer ('59) got reacquainted at a reception hosted by Maxine McQuaig ('59). Gordon Lummis ('59) also hosted a reception at his home during the weekend. Patterson, a renowned photographer, gave a special presentation at the Acadia Art Gallery, where several of his works were displayed to commemorate the reunion.
11. After the reunion banquet, alumni danced the night away to music by the Big Valley Swing Band, led by Brian Johnston ('68).
12. The annual reunion banquet was a highlight of reunion weekend. Ned Chase ('63), centre, brought greetings on behalf of all '60s classes. Here, Ned is joined by his wife, Eleanor (Archibald) Chase ('63) and Wolfville Mayor Robert (Bob) Stead ('63).



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Homecoming

Homecoming saw the campus come alive with scores of enthusiastic alumni, including members of the Classes of '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99 and '04. The weekend included hockey, rugby, soccer and football games, the annual Bulmer Race and a revitalized Homecoming parade.



Photos: Myles McNair '08

Alumni events

1. Perennial "Best Dressed" team at the Annual Alumni Golf Tournament, Tom ('58), Tim ('88) and Chris ('84) Prescott, Bill Parker ('56), and Ward Carlson ('90) this year sported traditional plus fours and custom Axemen shirts.
2. At the Toronto Alumni Lobster Dinner, hosted at Allan Lim's ('81) Mengrai Gourmet Thai Restaurant. From left to right are Donnie MacVicar ('79), Lisa MacVicar and Rick Coulson ('08).
3. New students from the Ottawa area gathered at the home of Ed ('89) and Heather ('87) Hemphill for a student send-off event.
4. Mike White, Mark Gavin ('88), Barry Hennigar ('87), Mark Toomey ('85) and Rod Murray ('83) at the 28th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament last July.
5. Paul Goulden ('71), Bill Rafuse ('72), Sally Rollings, Shirley Mosher ('71) and Andy Cameron ('73) at the Annual Alumni Golf Tournament.
6. New Acadia students from the Metro Halifax area at a student send-off event hosted by Ian ('86) and Diane ('86) Cavanagh.
7. Teammates Kendall MacPhee ('99), Charles Coll ('84), Ivan Hall ('48), Mike McMurray ('91) and Geoff Irvine ('87) at the 28th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament held at Ken Wo Golf Club, New Minas, NS.
8. At the Toronto Alumni Lobster Dinner were (from left to right) Ken Clements ('58), Catherine Clements, Ron Waye ('60) and Norm McIntyre ('60).
9. An enthusiastic group of Acadia alumni, faculty and staff volunteered to welcome new students and their families (and to lug a few suitcases into residences) during Welcome Week 2009.



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CLASS NOTES

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From Wolfville to the world

By Laura Churchill Duke ('98)

"I love my job because I get to travel and discover new places, languages, cultures, music, cuisines, and geography," explains Ian Trites ('94) about his position with Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT).

Trites is Counsellor and Consul at the Canadian Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where the African Union is headquartered. His work involves improving Canada's relationships with African countries.

Born and raised in Wolfville, Trites studied political science and languages at Acadia, followed by an MA in International Affairs at Carleton University. He has held various positions with DFAIT for the past decade. During a three-year post in Tokyo, Japan, he met and married his wife Shoko. They have a son, Gill, three, and a daughter, Eugenie, one.

Trites feels that Acadia helped him prepare for a career as a foreign diplomat. "For one thing, I got to know a number of international students in my classes, at la Maison Française and through my involvement in the Spanish club," he says. "They provided me with a unique perspective on everything from food and culture to politics."

Trites' parents, Gene ('80) and Allison (retired Acadia Divinity College professor) say that he is well-suited for his profession. Gene says, "Ian was able to handle his parents diplomatically from an early age!" ✕

1950s



MAXINE ('51) and ALAN ('51) STEWART were honoured to meet Richard Dalton, the "Royal Bank Olympian" at the RBC Pensioners Club Spring Luncheon last May. Maxine serves as one of the club directors.



Three former Acadia Hockey Axemen, **DES KILLEN ('58), TOM PRESCOTT ('58) and DOUG IRWIN ('84)**, got together for a game of golf in East Lake Woodlands, FL, last April. Des lives in Florida and invited Tom and Doug to play his home course while they were visiting from Nova Scotia.

1960s

MARG ROUTLEDGE ('60, Home Economics) is the author of *Openings - Recipes for Art*, published by the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton, NB. Marg is a member of the Board of

Directors of the Gallery and coauthor of the best selling *New Maritimes Seasonal Cooking*. To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Beaverbrook Art Gallery, the commemorative cookbook is a collection of recipes and stories from 50 years of special events held at the gallery. The funds from sales will be used for programming at the Gallery. Copies are available from the Beaverbrook Art Gallery and Westminister Books in Fredericton for \$24.95.

SUSIE LANGLEY ('61) reports that "retirement" has been busy. After receiving an honorary degree from Acadia last May, she attended the Dietitians of Canada annual conference on Prince Edward Island, where she received the organization's top award, the Ryley-Jeffs Memorial Lecture Award and delivered a 45-minute lecture. An adapted version of the lecture appeared in the Fall 2009 issue of the *Journal of Dietetic Practice and Research*, which featured Susie on the cover.

SANDRA SIMPSON NOWLAN ('64) recently published a cookbook called *Delicious DASH Flavours*, based on the DASH diet for lowering blood pressure. Sandra reworked recipes from Canadian chefs to remove salt and lower fat content, but ensuring terrific flavour. The cookbook was reviewed and highly recommended on *Globe and Mail* nutritionist Leslie Beck's website. Copies were also auctioned at the recent Class of 1964 meeting during the 2009 Summer Reunion, raising nearly \$200 for the class fund. Sandra is now working on a cookbook of main courses.

After 38 years of service, **DOUGLASS GRANT ('66)** retired in June 2009 from his position as Professor of Mathematics at Cape Breton University. He will serve as Assistant Dean of Science at CBU for ten months, after which he and wife Kathy plan to settle in Kitchener-Waterloo, ON.

1970s



SEAN CASEY ('73) accepted a new position in Shenzhen, China, as Headmaster of the Shenzhen American International School. On the way over, he stopped in Atlanta, GA and was met at the airport by **RICK EATON ('71)**. Sean invites alumni in China and Hong Kong to contact him at spcasey44@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to **DR. ROSS LEIGHTON ('75)**, who has been named President of Doctors Nova Scotia, the professional association representing all physicians in the province. He is currently a professor of surgery at Dalhousie University and an active member of the surgical staff at Halifax's QEII Health Sciences Centre. He has served as president of the District Medical Staff Association for the Capital District Health Authority, president of medical staff at the QEII Health Sciences Centre, president of the New Brunswick Orthopaedic Association, and president of the Nova Scotia Orthopaedic Association.

In June 2009, **JANET WILE ('79)** was inducted into the College of Fellows by the Canadian Public Relations Society in recognition of professional capability, experience, contributions to the advancement of the profession, and leadership in public relations.

1980s

NORM WHYNOT ('80) and his company, Kinburn Property Company, were contractors for the first home in Atlantic Canada to receive LEED Platinum Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. The home, located on Herman's Island, NS, is only the second in Canada to achieve this designation through a technically rigorous process to certify the home is designed and built to be energy- and resource-efficient and healthy for occupants.

Brigadier-General **STEVE BOWES ('81)** was recently promoted to that rank, and is returning to Afghanistan for a second tour of duty. He will be serving as Deputy Chief of Staff Plans and Projects at the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command Headquarters in Kabul on a year-long assignment.

ANDREW DAVIS ('81) is now at the Institute of Chemical Ecology (Max Planck Society) in Jena, Germany, where he is investigating interactions between insects and fungi. As part of this work he carries out field research every year in Japan. He is also researching Blakiston, Bland, and Downes, pioneering ornithologists in 19th Century Nova Scotia. In addition, he and Michelle Wilbraham operate "English Experience," a language services company.

CAROLYN PEACH BROWN ('81) is a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow in the Global Environmental Change group at the University of Guelph, focusing on community-based management of resources and climate change adaptation in Africa. Carolyn, her husband and two sons spent 10 years working in agricultural and community development in central Africa before returning to Canada in 1999. Since then, Carolyn completed her PhD in Natural Resource Policy and Management at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

Congratulations to **DAVE DAVIDSON ('81)** on being elected to the Swimming Canada Board of Directors during its 2009 Annual General Meeting.

JAMES L. CHIPMAN ('82) has been appointed Queen's Counsel at a ceremony held by the Lieutenant Governor, Mayann E. Francis, in Halifax, NS. Queen's Counsel appointments are given to lawyers with a minimum of 15 years at the Bar who demonstrate exceptional qualities of leadership in the profession, as well as engaging in activities of a public or charitable nature. Jamie practices at Stewart McKelvey in Halifax and is currently chair of the Provincial Autism Center. Jamie and **CAROL (BETHUNE) ('84)** reside in Bedford, NS, where Carol is a resource teacher. They have one daughter, Christie, who attends grade 10 at Sacred Heart School in Halifax.



Contrary to his last Class Note, **BILL PAISLEY ('82)** has ended up extending duty for an additional year. He sends along "one more piece of evidence that Acadia is everywhere." He says, "I'm not certain how many Acadia ball caps have ended up on a nuclear aircraft carrier, but here's one!" He picked up the hat during a visit to Acadia, and brought it on a month-long at-sea period on the USS Harry S. Truman in June 2009.



Passion for programming

By *Laura Churchill Duke ('98)*

"Jason and I have always been into making games," explains Matthew Doucette ('99). "We started back in grade two, and I recall programming my first complete video game by grade four." By grade eight, Matthew's twin brother Jason ('99) had "invented" a formula allowing him to draw almost anything in three dimensions.

It's no wonder that this passion for programming video games has led the Doucettes to release a game for the Xbox 360.

Working from Yarmouth through their company Xona Games (www.xona.com), the brothers have created Duality ZF, an arcade-style shoot 'em up game. Jason is the lead programmer, but each brother handles everything from programming to marketing. "We're basically a two-man team," says Matthew.

The game was submitted to *Dream Build Play 2009*, an annual competition run by Microsoft for independent game developers. Out of more than 350 entries from over 100 countries, Duality ZF placed seventh in the world and second among Canadian entries. The brothers plan to improve the game and release it again in the near future.

The brothers majored in computer science at Acadia. "Our Acadia experience was amazing and I would love to go back," says Matthew, adding that he would have taken a few business and marketing courses if he could have predicted he and Jason would become their own publishers! ✂



A cross-country bike ride

By Laura Churchill Duke ('98)

Although they had talked about it for years, biking across Canada became a reality when Dr. Maurice Tugwell (Economics Department) retired and Dr. Gary Ness (School of Recreation Management and Kinesiology) took a pre-retirement leave.

Ness and Tugwell began their trek on May 27, 2009 in Kitsilano Beach, BC, travelling 6,750 kilometers back to Wolfville in just 54 days. Neither had much prior long distance cycling experience, so planned much of the trip day-by-day, gathering information from other cyclists on the road.

Throughout the journey, Tugwell displayed a Nova Scotia flag on his bike, and Ness an Acadia one. "There have been a surprising number of complete strangers who approached us or would honk at us in greeting on the road when they saw our loaded bikes," writes Ness. "This has been a really heart-warming experience."

And after so many days on the road, neither Tugwell nor Ness were tired of biking – or of each other.

"That we could work together over 54 days—in spite of dire predictions from our families and close friends—is, in the words of my wife, 'quite an accomplishment for two old guys set in their ways,'" writes Ness. Tugwell adds that he would like to thank Gary for his "comradeship and steady presence during our 54-day biking 'marriage.'"

To learn more about bike trek, visit <http://canadaride.blogspot.com> and www.tugonabike.blogspot.com. ❌

Colonel **DOUGLAS W. BUTT ('83)** was recently promoted to that rank and appointed Director of the Military Personnel Management Capability Transformation Project at National Defence Headquarters. Doug and his wife **JOAN (FISHER) ('83)** reside in Ottawa.



MARION ARETHA BORDEN-DAVIS ('89) graduated Magna Cum Laude from Marygrove College in Detroit, MI, on May 16, 2009 with a Master's degree in the Art of Teaching. Her six-year-old daughter, Aretina, was featured on the front page of the Detroit Free Press in June 2009.

Congratulations to **TROY DAVIDSON ('89)** on his appointment to the Appraisal Institute of Canada's Learning Advisory Committee's Applied Experience Subcommittee for a two-year term. He has served on the Nova Scotia Real Estate Appraisers Association's Committee of Examiners since 2005 and has been a member in good standing of the Appraisal Institute of Canada since 1992. Troy owns and operates Davidson Appraisals Limited, a real estate appraisal firm, serving Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley and South Shore. He lives with his wife, Karen, and their three children, Cameron, Carter and Rayna in North Kentville. Troy invites friends and classmates to contact him at troy@davidsoneappraisals.ca

1990s

BRUCE ('91) and Donna **MACDONALD** are proud parents of Grace Olivia, born January 1, 2009 in Halifax, NS, weighing six pounds, 14 ounces. The family resides in Halifax where Bruce is Broking Manager with Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc. and Donna is a high school math teacher with the Halifax Regional School Board.

REV. CAROL SMITH ('92) is an ordained minister within the Presbyterian Church in Canada. She is currently Facilitator of St. Luke's Renewal Centre at Springhill Institution, a medium security federal prison for men. St. Luke's Renewal Centre is a prison ministry of the Christian Council for Reconciliation. Rev. Smith says she is thankful to be serving a St. Lukes, which was a vision of Dr. Charles and Mrs. Charlotte Taylor.



JANINE (MUTCH) ('93) and **KENNETH MEADE ('93)** are thrilled to announce the birth of their second child, Kenneth Ethan Meade. Ethan, brother to Marin, was born October 7, 2008 in Halifax. Ken continues to work in the Environmental Services division at Nova Scotia Power and Janine remains with Bell Aliant in the Corporate Development and Planning department. The family currently reside in Fall River, NS. Friends can reach them at meade@ns.sympatico.ca.



ALEXIS YANAKY ('94) and Rob Sawyer welcomed their second daughter, Beatrice Adelaide, on May 21, 2009. Although it has taken some adjusting, big sister Stella now finds this latest addition to the family quite humorous! Alexis is on a second maternity leave from her job as manager of the S'Cool Life Fund, a national charitable foundation that supports public elementary schools.

KERRY ANDREWS ('94), husband Michael Jones and big brother Cameron (age four) welcome with love, Lauren Allegra Jones. Lauren was born at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax, NS, on May 27, 2008. The family is currently residing in Lower Sackville, NS. Kerry is a social worker at the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax. Friends can contact her at kerry.andrews@cdha.nshealth.ca.

Congratulations to **ROB BINNS ('95)** who was recently appointed Chief Financial Officer of ScreenScape Networks Inc.



MARK ('96) and Olga **OTTER** are proud parents of a beautiful baby boy, Calvin Robert Otter, born July 31, 2009. Mark was also recently promoted to Executive Director of Teacher Programs for the Visiting International Faculty Program (vifprogram.com), the largest US Department of State designated Exchange Teacher Program.



ROBYN BEWS ('97) and husband Richard Butland live in Calgary, and welcomed their second son, Felix Godwin, on April 7, 2008, a brother to Lucas. Proud Grandmother **GAIL (GODWIN) BEWS ('72)**, Uncle **ANDREW BEWS ('00)** and Godparents **TREVOR HARDING ('92)** and **CATHERINE REYNOLDS ('92)**. The family toured Wolfville (in matching Acadia sweatshirts) in August 2008 after attending **BLOSSOM BITTING'S ('97)** wedding in New Brunswick.



In July, 2009, in San Antonio, TX, **MARC ROBICHAUD ('97)** (from UJ Robichaud TIM-BR Mart in Meteghan Centre, NS) won the North American Retail Hardware Association Retail Innovator of the Year Award in the Green Marketing category. Marc is an expert on eco products and energy efficiency.

KRISTA (YETMAN) PEARSON ('99), her husband Tim and two-year-old son, Kai, recently moved from Sault Sainte Marie, ON, to Lethbridge AB, where Krista will serve Associate Vice-President of Lethbridge College.

2000s



MICHAEL SIM ('00) and **MEAGHAN (MACDONALD) SIM ('01)** are the proud parents of Sarah 'Avery' Mae Sim, born December 29, 2008 in Halifax, NS. The family resides in Halifax where Mike is an Investment Advisor with TD Waterhouse and Meaghan is a PhD student at Dalhousie University.



PHILIP ('01) and **MYLISSA (LAYS) POPPE ('99, '01)** are proud to share the news of the birth of their first child, Mason Frederick Poppe, on April 28, 2009 in Oakville, ON. The Poppes currently reside in Burlington, ON.



DAVE BENWELL ('02) and **ALEXANDRA WELIK ('05)** were married on July 11, 2009. The couple reside in Hudson, QC, and are both high school teachers.



JEFF BRITTON ('02) and **JENNY WALKER** (current Acadia Education student)



From principal to Parliament

By Kristen Loyst ('02)

The shift from school principal to Member of Parliament may not be a huge one for Scott Armstrong ('88), who was recently elected to represent the Nova Scotia federal riding of Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley. After all, braving Question Period can't be as tough as handling scores of students!

An elementary school principal for over ten years, Armstrong is passionate about education and about giving back to the community through several volunteer roles. Although being an MP means being away from his hometown of Truro, NS, he says the role offers a new way to give back.

"This gives me the opportunity to serve my community in ways I couldn't do before," he says. "I can help all my constituents while still being involved in the community. It's why you run, and I'm looking forward to taking that on."

Armstrong has strong family connections to Acadia—his father, David ('60), uncle Charles (aka "Skip") ('60), aunt Patricia ('59), and sisters, Anne ('91) and Sarah ('92) are all grads. Although he's attended other institutions for post-graduate and doctoral studies, Armstrong says Acadia provided the foundation for his current success.

"Acadia was where I spent my young adulthood, growing and learning," he explains. "A big part of my development as an adult—and as an academic—was the professors at Acadia. Dr. Stokesbury [of the Department of History and Classics] had a big influence on my career path."

Armstrong will join several Acadia alumni on Parliament Hill, including Peter MacKay ('87) and Gerald Keddy ('75) in the House of Commons, and three sitting and two retired Senators (profiled on pages 16 and 17 of this issue).

"I'm very proud to be serving in Parliament today as an Acadia alumnus," he says. "In fact, I'd like to start an Acadia Parliamentarians club!" ✕



Finding a true calling

By Kristen Loyst ('02)

"My mom wanted me to go to university. I wanted adventure," says Mike Crowtz ('98). Acadia satisfied both. He had always enjoyed being outdoors, but initially planned to study English in university. It wasn't until he arrived on campus that he discovered Recreation Management.

Before first year, you still had to sign up for classes in the gym," says Crowtz. "When I went in, I saw information about Rec classes, got signed up and never took any English classes." By Christmas of his first year, he transferred to Recreation Management officially. "It was where I was meant to be." He credits Dr. Glyn Bissix as his "academic mentor" and instructor Scott Hennigar as his "outdoor mentor."

After graduation, Crowtz took an internship with international outdoor education organization Outward Bound, working with young offenders in Florida. "Learning to work together with a group of strangers, in a stressful situation like white-water canoeing. It becomes a means to discover there is more in you than you think," he says.

After earning his teaching degree, Crowtz taught for a year in Nunavut. "The location was incredible," he says, adding, "I was looking out the classroom windows as much as my students." He knew his true calling was outdoor education, and returned to Outward Bound as an instructor.

That was 10 years ago. Today, he's National Director of Safety and Training with Outward Bound Canada, overseeing programs across Canada and internationally. Crowtz says, he feels lucky to work at something he loves. ✕

were married on August 15, 2009 at Point Pleasant Park in Halifax, NS. The couple currently resides in Wolfville and continue their humanitarian work as co-founders of the "Be the Change Project" which raises funds to support the first secondary school in Lashaine Village in rural northern Tanzania. For more information, visit www.bethechangeproject.ca



SARAH FORD TRASK ('02), (daughter of **MICHAEL ('66)** and Gwen **TRASK**) and Thomas Quentin Duggan were married on July 3, 2009, in the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens at Acadia University, followed by a reception at the Fountain Commons. The happy newlyweds have settled in Wolfville, Sarah practicing as a Homeopathic Doctor and Tommy working as an Architectural Technologist. They would love old friends to drop by at any time!



MICHELLE SUFFRON ('03) and Tyler Johnson were married on July 4, 2009 at the Old Orchard Inn in Greenwich, NS. The couple currently resides in Kenora, ON, where Tyler is a lawyer and Michelle works with adults with intellectual disabilities.



ALECIA (TUCKER) THOMAS ('03) married **GREG THOMAS ('07)** on July 11, 2009 in Clare, Nova Scotia. In the wedding party were **CRAIG CANNON ('05)**, **MARKON BRADSHAW ('02)**, **ERIN DARROW ('05)**, **COURTNEY MAZEROLL ('01)** and **JOELY (TUCKER) HALE ('90)**. **DEREK HALE ('90)**, **JENNA DUCHESNE ('03)**, **SAM ROTHWELL ('04)**, **ERIC BOURGEOIS**

('07), **JEREMY MOULE ('05)** and **JULIA ARMSTRONG ('04)** attended the celebration. The couple currently resides in Vancouver, where Alecia is working with the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, and Greg works with the Government of Canada.



Congratulations to **DR. CEARA HIGGINS ('04)** who, on June 19, 2009, graduated with her Doctor of Chiropractics from the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto. Ceara is an associate chiropractor at Chiropractic and Massage in the Village in Toronto.

Congratulations to **MONIQUE ANDREE MELONG ('04)** and Wade Chisholm, who were married in August, 2009, in Antigonish, NS.



SEAN ('04) and **CATHY (WAMBOLDT) ('04) SMITH** are happy to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Shay William Smith. Shay was born on April 29, 2009 at Valley Regional Hospital weighing 10 lbs 11oz—a future Acadia Axeman! Proud grandparents are **TERRY ('76)** and **SHARON ('76) SMITH** of Wolfville, and Burnell and Audrey Wamboldt of Camperdown, NS. Sean and Cathy were married at the Acadia Chapel in July 2006. They now live in Kentville and can be reached at cathyandsean@eastlink.ca.



Congratulations to **JENNY WALLACE ('04)** and Stephen Smith who were married July 5, 2008. The happy couple reside in

Markham where Jenny is a Labour and Delivery nurse. Pictured are family and friends, **CATHY (O'BRIEN) SCARLETT ('92)**, **LAURA DANILKO ('03)**, **KRISTIN (EMBLEMTON) GILLIS ('03)**, **AMY (POLLACK) VERGARA ('04)**, **LISA (PENNY) MURRANT ('04)** and **CRAIG CARMICHAEL ('03)**.



MELANIE CLARKE ('05) and Alan Train were married on August 8, 2009 at Wyman Memorial United Church in Hudson, Quebec. Guests included **LISA (HARVEY) RATLEDGE ('04)**, **VINCENT GOREHAM ('04)**, **SPENCER KENNEY ('04)**, **MARNIE COOKE ('06)** and **DUNCAN MACDONALD ('08)**. Melanie is the daughter of **WENDY ALEXANDER ('72)** and David Clarke. The couple will reside in Scotland.



SHENIQUE GRAY ('05) was recently crowned Miss Gospel Bahamas 2009-2010. Miss Gospel Bahamas is a pageant for Christian ladies aged 18 to 25, with judging based on talent, intelligence and general deportment. She is an active member of

her church, serving as president of its youth ministry, church secretary, a member of the choir and lieutenant of her church's Girls Brigade company.

In May 2009, **DEREK SMITH ('05)** earned Chartered Financial Analyst Designation. The CFA designation is a globally recognized standard for financial analysts, portfolio managers and investment advisors. Derek is currently an Investment Banking Associate at Tristone Capital Limited in London, UK.

JOSHUA MACKINTOSH ('06) reports that after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, he went on to Dalhousie University, where he graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor of Community Design with Honours in Environmental Planning. He is now in Isafjordur, Iceland, at the University Centre of the Westfjords taking a Masters of Resource Management focusing on Coastal and Marine Management offered by the University of Akureyri. He expects to complete the degree by January of 2011.



TAGE HARRIS ('07) and **JENNIFER GRAY ('07)** completed their first marathon in Paris, France, and celebrated by crossing off one of the items on their "life list" of things to do together: drinking a bottle of their favourite wine—Domaine de Grand Pre L'Acadie Blanc (which they discovered while students at Acadia)—beneath the Eiffel Tower, while sharing Acadia stories.



NANCY (TURNER) SWEENEY ('07) of Happy Adventure, NL, and Troy Sweeney of New Minas, NS, were married on May 9, 2009 onboard Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas in Miami, FL. Other alumni in attendance included Troy's sister, **TRACEY (SWEENEY) LAWRENCE ('03)**. A reception in their honour has been planned for July 2010 in Eastport, NL. The happy couple met while Nancy attended Acadia, and currently reside in Thunder Bay, ON. As of July 2009, Nancy works as a constituency assistant to The Honourable Michael Gravelle, MPP and Minister of Northern Development, Mines, and Forestry. Troy works as a pilot for Air Bravo, an Air Ambulance company.



Constable **MATT ROWAT ('08)** graduated from RCMP Depot on August 10, 2009. Matt has been posted to Sooke Detachment, Vancouver Island, BC.

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You are what you wear: Acadia clothing through the ages

By Laura Churchill Duke ('98)

"I always wanted to be an engineer, so I felt so proud when I wore my Acadia engineers' jacket. I still have it!" Bud Whalen ('63).

"I found my Acadia jacket helpful as I hitchhiked frequently to my home in Middleton. In those years, motorists were more willing to give you a lift if you wore a university jacket!" Merv Parker ('66).

"I have never been able to dispose of my Acadia jacket, and it still hangs in my closet, a bit faded, but every bit as good as when it was new" Maureen (Birkett) Gammell ('64).

"I liked wearing my Acadia sweatshirt. I think it was good for one's self esteem to say 'Yes, I go to Acadia'." Lynn (Pelton) Whyte ('68).

"In our day," says Judy (Pelton) Whalen ('65) "women wore red blazers with dark blue braid trim." As a member of the Acadia Chapel Choir, Barbara (Doyle) Rushton ('70) had a red blazer that was worn when the choir traveled. "Those blazers traveled all over Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and even made it to Expo 67, where the choir performed," explains Rushton.

Acadia clothes have long been a symbol of the university. Besides the iconic engineering jackets like Bud Whalen's, there have been many types of popular Acadia clothing.

The oldest surviving examples of Acadia clothing are a sweater and blazer that belonged to Lorna (Clarke) Thomas ('36). Her son Graham ('68), now has the clothes. The oldest piece of clothing in the Acadia archives is an Acadia sweater given by Dr. Charles Read ('39).

Until the ASU store, Cajun's, opened in the late '80s, Acadia clothes came from either the Hale store or Porters in Wolfville, or at the Acadia Bookstore. Parker, recalls buying his jacket at Porters for approximately \$30 to \$50. "The store also provided the letters and numbers on the jacket at an additional cost. I recall that it was 50 cents per letter or number," he says.

Varsity-style leather jackets were a popular item in the 1980s, but the trend faded in the 1990s. "Comfy casual wear with Acadia branding is the current trend," explains Morrison. This includes golf shirts, sweatpants, sweatshirts, and t-shirts.

"The most popular campus gear item is our sweatpants with 'Kiss my Axe' across the bum," says Cajun's manager, Janet Ross. This style, although controversial at the time of its release in the early 1990s, is now the clear favourite for guys and girls alike, but, "the hooded sweatshirt with ACADIA across the front is still a staple for all Acadia students," says Ross.

Clothing at Acadia has a rich tradition. "I think this is derived from the amount of pride students have for their alma mater," says Morrison. "Wearing something with Acadia on it is a way that students show their attachment to the University and a way that they can promote the fact that 'Hey, I am Acadia!'" ❌

Tell us about your Acadia clothing!

Do you have Acadia clothes that predate 1936? Or do you know the history of the green Tully jacket? Send us your story at alumni.office@acadiau.ca.

Acadia remembers

We are saddened to report the following deaths in the Acadia community:

Hughson (Williams), Maxine ('28), Key Largo, FL
Dadson (Ingraham), Helen ('29), Calgary, AB
Lockhart (Bigelow), Mabel ('30), Bigelow Cove, NS
Warren, Frederick ('34), Oakville, ON
MacLeod (Bruce), Phyllis Marjorie ('36), Ottawa, ON
Carter, Auldon Bowman ('37), Wolfville, NS
Nicholson (Mack), Elizabeth L. ('37), Liverpool, NS
Harvey, Lyman Baxter ('38), Ellershouse, NS
Wanamaker, Frank D., Dr. ('38), Saint John, NB
Teasdale (Phinney), June ('40), Halifax, NS
Murphy (DeLong), Lola (HOR '41), Halifax, NS
McMahon (Collings), Phyllis Gertrude Hume ('41), Halifax, NS
Corkum (Ells), Mary ('42), Port Williams, NS
Dyer (Keeping), Frances ('42), Dartmouth, NS
Wright (Malzard), Jean Emily ('43), St. Thomas, ON
Thompson, Elbert E. (HOR '45), Granville Ferry, NS
Frank, George (HOR '46), Wolfville, NS
Hiltz, Arnold ('47), Halifax, NS
Williams, Robert Shipley ('47), London, ON
Allen, Lowell A ('48), Kingston, ON
Morrow, Robert H. ('48), Grand Falls-Windsor, NL
Fisher, Herbert E. ('49), Sarasota, FL
Morse (Locke), Gloria ('49), Halifax, NS
Prince, Frederick Wickwire (Dr.) ('49), Bridgewater, NS
Steeves, Harold Dennison ('49), Lunenburg, NS
Dennison, G. Robert ('50), Ottawa, ON
Dewitt (Alexander), Katherine Lorena ('50), Hoyt, NB
MacPherson, John S. "Foo" ('50), Windsor, NS
Nickerson (Irwin), Barbara ('50), Pleasantville, NS
Nusbaum (Fowler), Margaret F. ('50), Lebanon, PA
Bell (Hines), Georgina M. ('51), Liverpool, NS
Bowden (Hill), Mary E. ('51), Livingston, TX
Dawson (Jones), Helen Ingrid ('51), London, ON
Stewart, Joan Ann ('51), Halifax, NS
Thomson (Stobo), Margaret Lindsay ('52), Sillery, QC
Swim, Capt. Farley Albert ('53), Jordan Falls, NS
Strang, David William ('55), Gander, NL
Johnson (Josey), Anita Kay ('56), Cowichan Bay, BC
McRae (Bennett), Nancy Arletta ('56), New Glasgow, NS
Greene, Vernon Chute ('57), Kentville, NS
Higgins, Robert ('57), Kentville, NS
Johnson (MacMillan), Margaret Anne ('57), Halifax, NS
Smith, C. Thompson ('57), Halifax, NS
Dompierre, Alice ('63), Cambridge, NS
Wilson (Baltzer), Sandra ('64), Berwick, NS
Wells, Donald G "Don" ('65), Wolfville, NS, former director,
Department of Varsity Athletics
Smith, Peter Chalmers ('67), Wolfville, NS
Munn, J. Roderick ('70), Kentville, NS
Aldhouse (Adams), Lilian Georgina ('71), Lawrencetown, NS
LeLacheur, Walter Ross ('72), Saskatoon, SK
Connolly, Mark John ('76), Halifax, NS
Kyte, Mary Elizabeth ('81), Port Hawkesbury, NS
Taylor, Susan L. ('83), Amherst, NS
Hogan, Wanda ('88), Kentville, NS
Rosvall, Steven ('89), Saint John, NB
Baltzer, Mary-Lynn ('90), Banff, AB
Burdick, David Lincoln ('91), Deerfield, MA
Chipman, Curtis H. (HON '93), Wolfville, NS
Threlfall (Potter), Sarah Catherine ('95), Dunedin, New Zealand
Tillemans, Thomas, Nanaimo, BC,
former professor, School of Education

CORRECTION

In the last issue of the Bulletin, Lois Jean (Duncan) Kauffman's ('73) maiden name was incorrect in the Acadia Remembers list. We apologize for this error.

Feedback

Dear Acadia Bulletin,

There is another connection with the first basketball game and Acadia (First basketball game: the Acadia connection, Summer 2009 Bulletin).

The young man on the left in the back row with the moustache (Ha!) is Jack Thompson of New Glasgow, NS. His great, great grandson Tim Swain graduated from Acadia in 1995. Thompson also worked for the YMCA and he brought the game to New Glasgow. Basketball has been an important part of the lives of his descendants since Thompson brought the game home.

*Sincerely,
Wendy Grant, Tim's mother and wife of Rick Swain ('67)*

Your summer Acadia Bulletin was absolutely wonderful! A member of my class asked me how I found it and I said it was the best we've had, and she felt the same way!

My late sister, Helen (Chipman) Whitman ('46) also graduated from Acadia as did a number of relatives. The sense of Acadia spirit connects alumni long after graduation, and my Acadia ring frequently draws comments.

Once again, congratulations on such an excellent Bulletin.

*Sincerely,
Isabel Chipman ('47)*

I have just finished writing a book-length memoir of my student years at Acadia. On the Propylaeum Society (Summer 2009 Bulletin, p. 20) I have written:

"Many are looking forward to Co-Ed week. This is an annual reversing of the dating roles for which the autumn Sadie Hawkins Day is a dress rehearsal. The organizer is the somewhat mysterious Propylaeum Society. Nobody seems to know what it is, when it began, and what its purpose is. All female students are members. The elect executive officers who are responsible for organizing some female activities. These include debating, the Sadie Hawkins reception (a dance), Christmas parties in the residences, and Co-Ed week. Originally, I think its primary purpose was to provide literary activities for the ladies." (There was a letter to the editor in the Athenaeum in the late '40s that stated this literary origin).

Thanks for your attractive and informative edition of the Bulletin.

*Sincerely,
W.B. Cunningham, Life President of the Class of 1947*

Editor's note:

On page 36 of the Summer 2009 edition, Vye MacPherson Sparling ('33) was incorrectly identified as Acadia's first Dean of Women. She was, in fact, Acadia's first Dean of Secretarial Science.

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